

U.S. AID PLANS FOR SOUTH EAST ASIA

Military and economic aid to check Reds

NO AMERICAN TROOPS

Bangkok, February 16.

The United States today was reported ready to give military equipment and economic aid to South East Asian nations willing to stand up against the Southward sweep of Communism.

LUNAR NEW YEAR GREETINGS

The Editor and staff wish all Chinese readers "Kung hay fat choy!" and a very happy and enjoyable time during the celebrations.

There will be no publication of the "China Mail" tomorrow or the "Sunday Herald" the following day, but papers will be available as usual from Monday onwards.

Politics and Rice in Bangkok

Bangkok, February 16. A direct British diplomatic request to the Siamese Premier, Marshal Luang Phibul Songgram, to purge politics from the current British-Siamese rice purchase negotiations is certain to be made by the week-end, according to reliable sources today.

This step was decided on last night after the British purchase negotiators had viewed a series of Siamese Press reports, which reputedly emanated from the Ministry of Commerce as being unethical incitement of Siamese public opinion in an apparent endeavour to force Britain to sacrifice a portion of the previously arranged contract mechanisms which were designed to guarantee the quantities and quantities of more than 400,000 tons of Siamese rice to be purchased by British Asian territories during 1950.

A direct diplomatic request to the Siamese Premier was decided on after the Bangkok Press yesterday prominently published reports, attributed to the Siamese Commerce Ministry, in which the Minister was represented as stating that the British refusal to pay prices higher than last year's for mill-to-ship handling of export rice was indefinitely delaying finalisation of the contract and disrupting the internal rice economy.—Reuters.

The Weather

At 10.00 GMT (12.00 P.M. H.K.T.) the strong westerly, well-defined wind from the south-east, and the light breeze from the north-east, are developing in the Bay of Bengal and the Andaman Sea. A depression is developing in the Bay of Bengal and a second in the Andaman Sea. The weather is generally fair with some light rain in the evening. The temperature is moderate and the wind is light.

This was the major move developing out of a three-day conference here of American diplomats of the Far East, highly competent sources said. No American troops would be involved.

The meeting ended yesterday as the announcement of an alliance between Soviet Russia and Communist China cast a deepening Red shadow over this part of the world. To many, it seemed that the Reds timed the announcement to take the edge off the American conference.

The treaty added to the fears of South East Asian nations that they would be engulfed by Communism. Some of the American diplomats were represented as believing that, even now, it is too late for U.S. aid to check the Red tide.

American policy for Asia must be set in Washington, but these positions, reported to have been agreed upon by the diplomats, would be considered in its formulation.

1.—Invasion of Indo-China by the Chinese Reds is not believed likely. The Chinese Reds are expected, however, to send arms to Moscow-trained Viet Minh forces in Indo-China which are fighting the French there. He has been recognised by Communist China and Russia. The general feeling is that if Indo-China goes Red so will all South East Asia.

2.—The South Korean Republic is in serious danger as the lone outpost against Communism on the North East Asian mainland. The Russian-backed Communist Northern half of the country adjoins Red China. A Communist triumph in Korea would threaten Japan, the main American position in the Orient.

Economic power

3.—There is doubt that the China Nationalists, chased from the mainland by the Communists, can hold their island bastion of Taiwan. The Chinese Reds have put Taiwan on their 1950 conquest time-table.

Indication that economic power will be the major anti-Red weapon in South East Asia coincided with the apparently intensifying battle for rice.

Indo-China, Burma and Thailand make up Asia's great rice bowl. Among them, they probably have millions of tons available to the highest bidder. It is almost impossible to overestimate the importance of control over these countries' vast exportable surpluses in hungry Asia.

A Soviet trade mission and a new Red Czechoslovak front for nationalised industries are represented here by active agents. Their job is to buy food for Red China—a problem so urgent that some observers think the Chinese Reds will fight for South East Asia's rice.

Highly placed diplomats in Washington believe Russia is manoeuvring to create "three distinct spheres of Communist control in Asia, South of Siberia, continues Associated Press in a Washington dispatch. Concern—Russia's own security appears to be the primary factor.

The experts believe this was behind Soviet strategy in the Russian and Chinese nine-week talks in Moscow.

The first sphere embraces Manchuria, Inner Mongolia, Outer Mongolia and Sinkiang. These, at the vast, traditionally Chinese, border areas which U.S. Secretary of State Dean Acheson says the Russians are adding to the Soviet Union. If Russia controls these areas it will have a buffer zone between the Soviet Union proper and Asia's rice lands to the south, such as satellite states in Eastern Europe form a buffer against the West.

The second sphere is China. Even though the Chinese nation is

now under Communist rule, experts believe the Russians feel they cannot rely on Chinese economic and political stability for the predictable future. Therefore, while maintaining the closest possible relations with Red China and dominating Chinese internal and foreign policies, they will not expect the same degree of security for Russia through their alliance with China as they presumably seek to establish in the Northern borderlands.

South East Asia forms the third sphere. Indo-China, Burma, Siam and Malaya are believed in Washington to be marked out for the next stage of Communist expansion in Asia. The cold war struggle for Indo-China has already begun. This South East Asian region, being more remote from Russia, may be the primary responsibility of the Chinese Communists, rather than Moscow.

PI defence talks

Meanwhile, in Manila, Philippine and American military chiefs met President Quirino today in a high-level defence conference, said United Press.

President Quirino met for more than two hours behind closed doors the Secretary General of National Defence, Mr. Ruperto Kangleon, who visited General Douglas MacArthur last week. Major General Jonathan W. Anderson, chief of the Joint United States Military Advisory Group, Major General Mariano Castaneda, chief of the Philippine Armed Forces, Brigadier General Alberto Ramon, Constabulary chief, and members of Congress.

The matters discussed at the meeting were not announced but a Malacanang Palace spokesman said they took up the peace and order situation in the Philippines, a proposal to combine the Philippine Army and Constabulary and United States military assistance.

In recent days two ranking members of the Senate Military Committee had strongly criticised Army and Constabulary top brass for failure to deal successfully with the dissident movement in the Philippines. A reliable source said the President during the conference tried to iron out the differences between the officers and the two Senators who had been critical of the way the pacification campaign was being carried out.—Associated Press and United Press.

NINE MORE TO DIE FOR MURDER OF STEWART

Singapore, February 16. Nine Malays were sentenced to death today for planning the assassination of Mr. Duncan Stewart, British Governor of Sarawak, last December.

The two men who stabbed Mr. Stewart to death at Sibul, Sarawak, had been previously sentenced to hang. They and the nine convicted of joining in the murder plot were members of a band "sallating" against British rule "over" the colony. They favoured a return to the regime of the Brooke family, whose "White Rajah" governed the area for a century.—Associated Press.

Peach blossoms unloaded



Peach blossoms (for which a customer is seen bargaining at the Fair in Gloucester Road, Wanchai) are a familiar feature of Chinese New Year celebrations. This year, however, instead of fetching several hundred dollars a bunch, they are going "at the cost of firewood," as one dealer put it. Premature flowering of the blossoms, causing dealers to unload, was the cause. ("China Mail" Photo).

Chinese New Year Bazaar not up to previous standards

The Chinese New Year Bazaar this year has been the poorest in the history of Hong Kong. From the sales point of view, it has been no more than a shadow of what it was in previous years.

Many people who had taken out stall spaces, after seeing how their neighbours fared, refrained from setting up stalls. It was better to sit tight than to put out their necks, they said.

Economic conditions in the Colony as a result of the China blockade are given as the main reason for this unsatisfactory picture.

The average housewife has already enough worries to make her household budget balance without spending further on what could be dispensed with, even on this biggest festival of the lunar year.

However, apart from this, there has been an unmistakable sign of dwindling interest in observance of the lunar New Year. Apart from the holiday spirit, most people attach little significance to the occasion.

The only people to worry seriously were perhaps Chinese business shops and firms who have to settle all accounts before the festival. In so far as this practice is concerned, tradition has not changed.

The big feast on New Year's Eve in the family, and in the shops, was held as usual, and food prices in the markets were up from 50 to 100 per cent as in previous years. A feast at every festival is part of Chinese custom.

Poor business

The New Year Fairs, held in Gloucester Road in Hong Kong and in Tung Choi and Saiyung-tsoi Street, Mong Kok, on the mainland, were visited, but not patronised, by the usual crowds. Many of them were just sight-seers, and people who bought goods, did so frugally.

Sellers of candles and sweetmeats did a fair amount of business, but these were "indispensables" for every household.

Stalls and shops selling underwear and wearing apparel reported very poor business. Customers bought on a minimum basis at cut prices.

Many stall-holders, sensing that all was not well, did not wait until the last moment before off-loading their goods at a loss—some as much as 50 per cent.

The biggest losers were perhaps the stalls in the flower section of the bazaar, which in previous years, had always been the main feature of the annual fair. Austerity conditions in Canton under the Red regime caused a dumping of most of the blossom types into Hong Kong, with the result that the range on display this year was larger than usual.

Glamour gone

The comparative warmth during the first two days of the week, just before the cold spell set in, caused many of the stalls to blossom ahead of time—the first blow to the sellers.

In the rush to offload last night, they were sold "at the cost of firewood," as many of the stall-holders said, as they packed up their "early" hauls of "this morning" over the colony. They favoured a return to the regime of the Brooke family, whose "White Rajah" governed the area for a century.—Associated Press.

Master of ss. Swallow released

Taipei, February 16.

Captain William Gordon, Scottish Master of the 500-ton ss. Swallow, which was intercepted by the Chinese Navy off Swatow and who had been gaoled at Kaohsiung, was released and is leaving for Hong Kong today.

Captain Gordon claimed the Nationalist warship fired 21 shots, without scoring a hit, before moving in and taking over the craft, calling the craft to Takao, Taiwan.

However, Nationalist naval sources said they took over the Swallow a short distance from Swatow where she was headed from Hong Kong with a full load of aviation gas, spare parts and planes.

They contend the cargo, which was loaded in Hong Kong, violated the British agreement with the United States that no aviation fuel or supplies would be allowed to be sent to the Chinese Reds.

It will be recalled the Swallow, which flew the Panamanian flag although owned by a Chinese firm, left Hong Kong three weeks ago and was not heard of for a fortnight. Then the Nationalist Navy announced its seizure.

Captain Gordon was held at Kaohsiung where he was questioned by Nationalist naval intelligence as the source of embargoed aviation supplies in Hong Kong. Captain Gordon said he did not know about the supplies and that such information should come from the agents.—United Press.

Soekarno admits difficulties

Jakarta, February 16.

President Soekarno, opening the first session of Parliament, admitted yesterday that the new United States of Indonesia faces a dangerous threat from the Dutch outlaw, Captain R. P. Westerling.

He said the Government had acted in a confused fashion in meeting the threat and faces other difficulties, including a prospective budget deficit in 1950 of 2,650,000,000 guilders. Furthermore, he said, the Government does not always command the popular support that the Indonesian republic did four years ago when youth rallied to its side through bloody trials.—Associated Press.

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Red infiltration into Hainan admitted by KMT

Taipei, February 16.

The Defence Ministry today acknowledged small-scale infiltration of Communists into Hainan, the big oyster-shaped island off South China. It said the Reds were taking advantage of the foggy nights to smuggle ashore isolated groups of men.

Nevertheless, operations against Communist guerrillas on Hainan are proceeding smoothly, the Ministry claimed.

It also reported continued Nationalist successes against turncoats in the far hinterland province of Sikang, which borders the roof-of-the-world domain of Tibet. It claimed that turncoats in Southern Sikang were being steadily driven back towards the South West China province of Yunnan.

Reports from Hainan Island said that Chinese Nationalist naval reinforcements and armoured units have arrived there to resist the Communist invasion expected some time during the coming week, added United Press. The armoured units were flown from Taiwan said the reports.

The Communist forces on Luchow Peninsula were expected to open a series of attacks shortly. The Nationalist Air Force radio here broadcast a series of warnings to residents of 10 large Chinese cities to stay away from power plants, shipyards, airfields, piers, railway stations, barracks and government offices because of proposed air attacks.

The broadcast said the Nationalists have decided to launch a large-scale air offensive against Peking, Nanking, Shanghai, Tientsin, Canton, Hankow, Foochow, Amoy, Chungking and Wenhwa.

Meanwhile, it was disclosed in Hainan that three Nationalist "jet-jets" made an abortive attempt to revolt against the Communist regime at Kingshan, 15 miles south of Hainan.

The three men involved were the Magistrate of Kingshan District, General Lee Ying-kai, Commander of the division, and a Colonel, the commander of a regiment. The two army officers were arrested but the Magistrate escaped.

Nationalist sources said 10 motorboats carrying 60 Communists were captured on Tuesday night when 400 Communist soldiers from Luchow Peninsula tried to land on the Hainan coast under the cover of a heavy fog. Government sources said ground forces beat off the invaders.

Mass landings on the West coast were expected soon after the repeated attempts during the week by small landing parties.—Associated Press and United Press.

Soviet-Chinese pact aimed at Japan 'Pravda'

London, February 16.

The Soviet Communist Party newspaper, "Pravda," declared today that the fundamental aim of the new Soviet-Chinese Treaty was to prevent new aggression by Japan, becoming "more and more insolent" under the protection of American occupation, according to a Soviet news agency message picked up in London today.—Reuters.

Search for missing yacht

Manila, February 16.

A Philippine naval patrol continued the search for the missing schooner yacht Volador, overdue eight days en route from Manila to Hong Kong.

The 13th Air Force, which sent out a plane yesterday, said it was holding up further aerial search pending a check whether the 42-foot ship with 11 Americans and four Filipinos aboard, had made contact with any radio stations since leaving Manila. Such contacts would give the planes a clue on where to search over a hundreds of thousands of square miles of open water, reefs and tiny islands between here and the China coast.—Associated Press.

EIGHT KILLED IN B-29 MISHAP

Great Falls, Montana,

Eight men were killed and seven escaped when a United States Air Force B-29 Superfortress crashed shortly after taking off from the Air Force base here. The big four-engined plane which had been searching for a missing B-36 bomber off the coast of British Columbia plummeted to the tarmac about three miles south West of the base. It blazed up soon after it hit one side of a road, an Air Force information officer said.—Reuters.

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Correspondence

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Macao refugees

Sir - Apparently, Government are so busy these days that they don't have time to study where they should get the proper revenue for meeting the deficit. The Ex-Political Prisoner of the Japanese Condormier, your correspondent, suggested that 10 per cent of the values of lands transferred under the enemy protection should be levied to pay off loans of the Macao refugees. It is a good, patriotic and upright proposal. But it will not work. If it would work, the celebrated Occupation (Enemy) Land Transference Ordinance, which is a unique feature in the history of Jurisprudence, would not have been enacted and enforced. We Hong Kongites cannot and should not offend big shots of the Mikado days.

There is, however, another source of revenue which Government have neglected to collect. I mean the so-called "Rat-goods" within the limit of Hong Kong's harbour. I particularly point out the quantities without paying taxes. It is quite well known that many dozens of motor-junks of over 100 tons, legally allowed by the Marine Department to one ton of tax-free diesel oil, are loading 10 to 15 tons daily without paying a cent duty. Some

\$10,000 of revenues have been lost every day for years. In the interests of finding an alternative for repayment of loans by Macao's refugees, it is hoped Government's revenue officers will soon discover and prosecute such racketeers and all the Treasury with additional tax comes big enough to pay off the 100 notes of the wartime exiles in the Portuguese Colony.

A WISFUL-THINKER.
(The question of repayment of the loans is to be handled, on lines calculated to produce the most satisfactory form of settlement in the Legislative Council. Meanwhile correspondents will do little good by trying to stir up racial hatred or prejudice. -Ed.)

Sir - I feel I must add my bit and express my feelings concerning Government's policy of subsidising the refugees in Macao.

I would like to stress that although all refugees signed for and accepted such payments as loans, there can be no denying that they signed under duress. Speaking for myself and family, in those dark, dismal hungry days I would readily sign any promises as long as I could be given a few dollars to keep alive. The attitude of the Consulate was to sign our misery away for nothing. One cannot help comparing this with the generosity of the Portuguese Government who gave aid freely, with no strings attached.

One very unusual feature in the payments made to the refugees was the wide difference in the amounts received. Some unfortunate received \$50 or thereabouts, whilst others received nearly \$200. All were British, all were destitute. It seemed that the amounts given were supposed to be proportional to the standard of living of the recipients before the war. About half a dozen men were entrusted with the duty of cataloguing a whole colony of refugees. The results were chaotic and have been the cause of much ill-feeling. A much fairer method could have been adopted. The Portuguese Government, who gave a flat rate to their subjects, irrespective of class.

Your faithfully,
JAMES.

A petty objection

Sir - I am the guardian of a pupil who is studying in Queen's College. I send him there to study because I wish him to learn the Western civilization and so that he may be able to study Science in the University. Science in China is not proper, and books about Science are mostly in English, therefore I shall like him to study in a Foreign University. Like to carry a few points about the Government school. (Perhaps all of them too.) The first point is that according to the newspaper, the fees in the Government Schools will increase 100 per cent. Though I can afford my son's expenses in the school even if the fees are not to pay \$20 a month, therefore, I wish the Education Department to consider it more.

The second point applies to Queen's College only. It is about the School blazer on which there is a badge with a crown on it. Although it is not compulsory to have the blazer, most boys like to have one, because they are proud to be able to study in this school. (My son has one too). I think the Crown on the blazer is not suitable for the pupil, because he is a Chinese who must have his self-respect, though he is in a Royal School. He has his own country which is not ruled by a King, therefore why should he bear a Crown on his clothes? I wish the authority of the School to improve this point. "3.1416"

Linen Chest robbed by burglars

A burglar or burglars broke into the premises of The Linen Chest, Limited, at the corner of Chater Road and Ice House Street, early yesterday morning and made away with jewellery and dresses to the value of about \$20,000.

Mrs. L. Parkes, manager of the shop, reported that the burglary was committed between 1430 and 3.30 a.m.

The burglars, who gained entrance by breaking the main door lock, carried the office safe up to the mezzanine and cracked it open and stole a quantity of silver rings, gold chains and other jewellery. A number of expensive dresses were taken from the sales room downstairs.

The Linen Chest during the past two years had been entered three times by burglars, but last night's robbery was the heaviest that the firm had suffered.

The theft was discovered by a police inspector who was passing by at 3.30 a.m.

Up to a late hour last night no arrest was reported but the police are continuing their investigation. Among their clues are a number of finger prints taken from the safe and other places likely to have been touched by the thieves.

AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE MINISTER

Canberra, February 16.

Mr. Eric John Harrison, Minister of Defence in the new Australian Cabinet headed by Mr. Robert Gordon Menzies, has been appointed Australian Resident Minister in London.

Mr. Harrison would remain a member of the Cabinet and retain his Cabinet status. -Reuter.

FORTHCOMING WEDDING

Willard Henry Day, engineer, of Republic Bay Hotel, and Miss Dorothy Frances Constance Gergarty, secretary, have announced their forthcoming wedding.

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CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAYS

HOURS OF BUSINESS.

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Halls (Sunday, 19th Feb - Closed all day)

DAIRY DEPARTMENT

Lower Albert Road (Friday, 17th Feb - 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.)
East Point Branch (Saturday, 18th Feb - 7.30 a.m. to 10.30 a.m.)
Kowloon Branch (Sunday, 19th Feb - 7.30 a.m. to 9.30 a.m.)
Windsor House Annex (Friday, 17th Feb - 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.)
Peak Branch (Saturday, 18th Feb - 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.)
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COLD STORAGE DEPARTMENT

East Point (Friday, 17th Feb - Closed all day)
(Saturday, 18th Feb - 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.)
(Sunday, 19th Feb - 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.)

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FOOD SPECIALISTS

Personalia

Departures from the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday included Miss V. Toon, Miss A. Del Rosario, Miss J. M. Comiskey, Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Hick, Miss Helen Ivory, Messrs. Hui Pen-cheng, S. C. Lawrence, Mr. Kowalram, S. C. Law, C. A. Fillingame, Major J. Gault, and Miss H. C. Lawson.

Among the new arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel on Wednesday were Captain and Mrs. J. H. Mauplin, Miss Peggy Mauplin, Miss Ana Miller, Messrs. T. A. Hyland, G. Rickwood, and Bishop J. W. Pickett.

Messrs. C. Rowe, W. H. Weston and N. Williams arrived in the Colony on Wednesday from Singapore by CPA.

Messrs. J. B. Byrne, A. S. Birmingham, H. W. Astor and Mr. Choetung arrived in Hong Kong from Bangkok by CPA on Wednesday.

When Bailie MacAslan visited Hong Kong under the auspices of the British Council he brought with him greetings to the Chairman of the Urban District Council from the Lord Provost of the City of Glasgow. The message was as follows:-

"I am very pleased to have this opportunity of conveying to you and through you to the people of Hong Kong, cordial greetings from the City of Glasgow, with a particular reference to the Scots in your midst. 'Events in the Far East have focused the attention of the world on your problems, and I can assure you that the people of the Home Country think a great deal about the many difficulties you face. We appreciate the courage and determination which you continue to show, and I trust that the future will hold for you all a large measure of success and happiness. The Chairman of the Urban Council of Glasgow has the following:-

"On behalf of the Urban Council of Hong Kong I have to thank you for your very kind letter conveying to us and through us to the people of Hong Kong the cordial greeting of the City of Glasgow."

"Your letter was presented to me personally by Bailie John MacAslan, OBE, at a meeting of the Urban Council - on February 14 - and your greetings and good wishes for the future of the Colony have been conveyed to the public through the Press."

"My colleagues and I are more than grateful to you for your courtesy. It is always pleasing for us to know of the sympathetic interest of the Home Country, to which it is particularly pleasing to receive concrete evidence of the interest from the representative of a great city, the name of which is associated with all that is most progressive in the history of modern urban development."

"The example set by the City of Glasgow in dealing with its manifold problems is one which cannot but be an inspiration to all."

"I ask you, my Lord Provost, to accept our sincere thanks and our cordial reciprocal wish of your friendship and good wishes."

HKVDF AWARDS

Awards in connection with the HKVDF Efficiency Medal have been authorized by the Governor. Details are:-
Efficiency Medal: L/Cpl W. A. Garcia, L/Cpl C. S. Rosenthal, L/Cpl The Kwong-in, L/Bdr L. Landau, Pte M. Kordoroff, Pte E. S. Marquess, Pte R. A. Souza, Pte J. E. Walker.
First Class to Efficiency Medal: CQMS E. W. Coulson, Sgt. G. E. L. Johnson, Cpl. F. E. C. Quah, Pte V. M. Nunes.
Second Class to Efficiency Medal: Sgt. W. C. Simpson.
Efficiency Medal and First and Second Class: Capt. C. W. L. Cole.

Administrative changes in HK inevitable, Rotarians told

Administrative changes in Hong Kong are inevitable. They must come about even though they may be disliked. The thing to do is to make preparations to meet them—because civic awareness, to say nothing of the responsibility of citizenship, demands an acute sense of timing.

This formed the gist of a message conveyed to members of the Rotary Club of Kowloon by Bailie John MacAslan in a talk yesterday.

Bailie MacAslan is in Hong Kong as a guest of the British Council. He is a member of the Glasgow Municipality, and an expert on civic responsibility. Before coming here he toured Malaya, and was impressed by the great strides made there towards ultimate self-rule.

He delivered a flag of the Glasgow Rotary Club to the president of the Kowloon organization, and was asked to take to Scotland an insignia of the local Club. He gladly accepted this mission.

Bailie MacAslan, speaking about social services in the United Kingdom, said they were paid for out of taxation. If Hong Kong desired such services, finances would have to be found. Social services do not spring out of trees.

He described self-rule as a symbol of modern trends. The day must come when elections in Hong Kong will bring to power civic-minded local personalities.

"My message to you is to be ready for that day," he declared. "Most of us don't like changes, but changes are inevitable. I hope that when the time comes, members of the Kowloon Rotary Club will not be found wanting."

Alluding to a remark of the late Mr. John Winant, former American Ambassador in London, Bailie MacAslan said that it is not enough merely to give one's all during wartime. The Ambassador said, and he endorsed the statement, that to give one's everything during peacetime is equally important.

The times are not congenial, and intangibles like courage and fortitude are required. He said.

Resolution to write off loans

Public opposition to Government's action in asking for repayment of loans made to Hong Kong residents in Macao during the Japanese occupation of Hong Kong, will take the form of a resolution before Legislative Council on Wednesday next to write off the loans.

The resolution, which will be proposed by Sir Man-kam Lo, will read:-

"That this Council deprecates the action taken by Government in seeking repayment of the loans made to Hong Kong residents while taking refuge in Macao during the Japanese occupation of the Colony, and is of the opinion that such loans should be written off."

Mr. C. E. Terry will second the resolution which is believed to have the unanimous support of all the unofficial members of whom, including Mr. Leo d'Almeida, are expected to speak in its support. Government's action has been under fire ever since demand notes were sent out, and letters have been published in the Press in protest.

Tuberculosis claimed 2,611 lives in 1949

Tuberculosis, Hong Kong's most dreaded disease, took a toll of 2,611 lives in 1949; it was revealed by the Medical Department yesterday. The total cases reported numbered 7,510, and the death rate worked out to 100 to 100,000 of the population, a serious menace.

The monthly figures of cases and fatalities, which have already been published from time to time, are as follows:-

Month	Cases Reported	Deaths
January	445	214
February	531	200
March	694	225
April	660	228
May	643	231
June	784	208
July	643	228
August	624	224
September	608	213
October	603	194
November	662	199
December	605	248
Total	7,510	2,611

These figures compare with those of previous years as follows:-

Year	Cases Reported	Deaths
1939	7,501	4,443
1940	7,801	1,752
1941	4,855	1,881
1942	6,279	1,981

Congestion the cause

The steady rise in number of cases reported in the death figures is attributed to the increase in the population. "With the terrible congestion from which we are now suffering, we expect the figure to continue to rise," a Medical Department official told the "China Mail". The problem, in so far as Hong Kong is concerned, is more economic than medical, he explained.

While people continue to live in badly overcrowded tenements nothing the medical authorities could do, could stop the spread of the disease.

The only combative measure at present adopted by Government is to provide out-patient treatment to sufferers at the Harcourt Clinic at Happy Valley, which deals with about 15,000 patients annually.

A similar clinic is to be set up in Kowloon, near the Kowloon Hospital, for which funds have been provided in the Budget. It is expected to be ready by autumn this year. The new clinic will cater to sufferers on the mainland.

Vitamin foods

Apart from medicine, sufferers of the more advanced stage are also given milk powder as a vitamin food at the clinic. However, the distribution of vitamin foods by means of mobile vans, which was discontinued some months ago due to lack of funds, will now be revived as funds are again available. It was pointed out.

The Ruttonjee Sanatorium, which is operated by the Hong Kong Anti-Tuberculosis Association, is doing very good work, the Medical Department official said. They were operating under a grant of Government which is badly handicapped by lack of hospital accommodation for tuberculosis patients.

OFFICIAL NOTICES, APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Kenneth Keen, until recently Director of the Department of Commerce and Industries, has been appointed District Commissioner, New Territories, with effect from February 17.

Mr. Donald Phillips has been appointed to act as Government Statistician with effect from February 17.

Mr. Alfred Ross Reid has been appointed Deputy Estate Duty Commissioner, in addition to his other duties, with effect from February 6.

Dr. Frank James Farr has been appointed Senior Radiologist with effect from March 1, 1950.

Dr. John Alexander Robertson Selby has been appointed Senior Sanitary Officer with effect from March 1, 1950.

Dr. Paul Bidolph Wilkinson has been appointed Medical Specialist with effect from March 1, 1950.

Dr. Teng Pin-hui has been appointed Senior Port Health Officer with effect from March 1, 1950.

Mr. Walter Charles Allwright has been appointed Senior Surgeon with effect from March 1, 1950.

Mr. John Alick Charles Hurst has been appointed Senior Executive Officer, Class II, with effect from March 10, 1950.

Mr. Theodore Ralph Ingram has been appointed Senior Executive Officer, Class II, with effect from March 20, 1950.

Mr. Norman Beardmore Macquenn Whitley has been appointed Senior Executive Officer, Class II, with effect from December 1, 1949.

Lieutenant-Commander David Goodman Culey, Royal Navy, to be an Honorary Aide-de-Camp with effect from February 15.

Relinquishment of the appointment of Lieutenant-Commander George Henry Reynolds, Royal Navy, as the Governor's Honorary Aide-de-Camp has been approved with effect from February 15.

Dr. Raymond Harry Shoen Lee has been appointed a member of the Dental Board for the period up to April 30, 1952.

Mr. Lee Jung-Bang has been empowered to act as Consul-General for Korea at Hong Kong.

Mr. Frederic D. Schulteis has been provisionally recognized as Vice-Consul for the United States of America at Hong Kong.

The name of the Yee Yuen Company, Limited, will be struck off the Companies Register, unless cause to the contrary is shown within three months.

It was also announced that Messrs. Tsang Wood and Chan Pak-yip have been authorised to perform anti-rabies inoculations of dogs.

ROAD CLOSED
Owing to cable laying operations, the road between the Lower Albert Road, to Queen's Road Central, will be closed to vehicular traffic from 8 a.m. on Wednesday and until further notice.

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HK election depends on instructions from London

Reminders

Today

Nine Dragons Services Club, Tom-bola, 8 p.m.
European YMCA Women's Section, Beginner's Dressmaking, 10 a.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Nine Dragons Services Club, QSLI Band Concert, 8 p.m.
Kowloon Gramophone Society Concert, Diocesan Boys' School, 8.15 p.m.

SUNDAY

Tee H classical concert, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
HK Art Club, sketching party to Tsunwan, Castle Peak Road, members to meet at Star Ferry, Kowloon, at 10.30 a.m.

Sino-British Orchestra

The Sino-British Orchestra, which has been earning a justified reputation for sound performances, is giving the third of its subscription series of concerts this month.

The first performance is to be given at Diocesan Boys' School, Kowloon, on February 23, and the programme is to be repeated on February 24 at St. Stephen's Girls' College.

Both concerts are timed to start at 8.30 p.m.

The Governor and Lady Grant have intimated their intention of being present at the concert to be given in Hong Kong.

The Orchestra will be under its regular conductor, Dr. S. M. Bond, with Mr. H. Fan as leader. The programme includes: Symphony No. 5 (Beethoven), Suite for Flute and Strings (Bach), and "Fingert's Cave" Overture (Mendelssohn).

Mr. W. Shue-koh, soprano, will be singing a group of songs, accompanied by Miss Linda Wong at the piano, and Dr. C. K. Wong will play the solo flute in the Bach Suite.

A varied programme of this nature promises a rare treat in store for the lover of good music. Indeed, who could ask for more than music by composers such as Bach, Beethoven and Mendelssohn?

Miss Woo Shue-koh is a graduate of the National Conservatory of Music, Shanghai, and comes to Hong Kong with an enviable reputation.

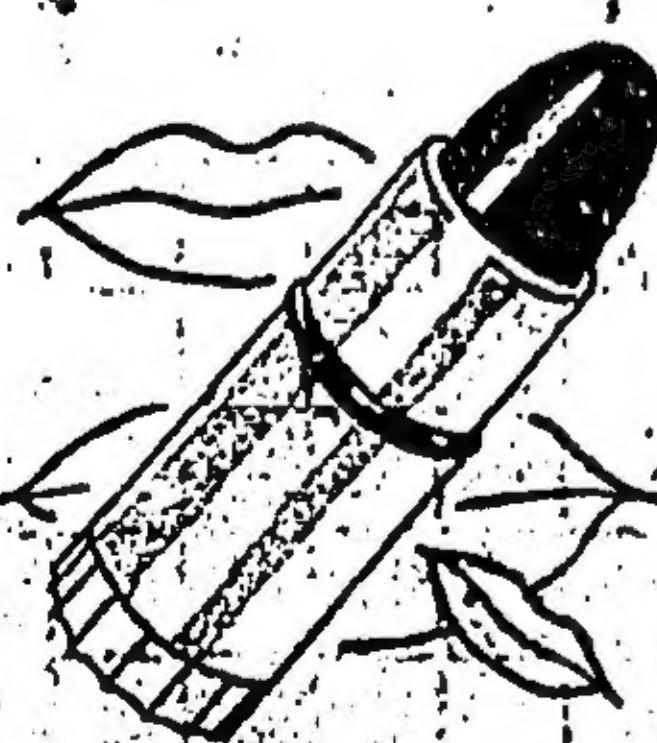
It is the aim of the Sino-British Orchestra to present the best in music at prices within the reach of all and once again the prices of admission are \$5, \$3, \$2, and \$1. Tickets may be obtained and seats reserved at Messrs. Moutrie & Co., Ltd., Chater Road, Hong Kong.

TALBOT HOUSE CONCERT

A concert of recorded music will be presented at Talbot House (Tee H) 50, Macdonnell Road, on Sunday at 8.30 p.m.

The programme will include: Tone Poem "Finlandia" (Sibelius), Introduction and Allegro for Harp (Ravel), Organ Concerto No. 4 in F (Handel), Dances for Flute (Berlioz), Concerto for Piano, No. 1 in G minor (Mendelssohn), Symphony No. 7 in C major (Sibelius).

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Whether or not Hong Kong is to have an election to a Municipal Council in May 1950 as promised in the Young Plan, will depend entirely upon instructions from London, the "China Mail" was reliably informed yesterday.

Hong Kong was promised a general election in May this year in the plan submitted by Sir Mark Young, former Governor of Hong Kong.

However, whether this plan is to be implemented or not, has yet to be seen.

RMS Corfu leaving with 100 passengers

RMS Corfu leaves today for London via the Straits with more than 100 passengers from Hong Kong bound for Port Said, Bombay, Colombo, Penang, Singapore and the United Kingdom.

Among those who embark today are:

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Adams, J. H. Adams, P. Allen, Au Chik Wing, Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Baker, J. Barrow, J. K. Bradbury, Mr. and Mrs. J. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. C. T. Champelovier, P. D. A. Child, J. Chubb, Rev. and Mrs. M. L. Collins, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Cox, C. E. Crawley, Miss C. A. Cruzier, Mr. and Mrs. D. J. S. Crozier, D. S. Dewar, C. E. Edgecombe, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Fitzgerald, S. N. L. Ford, H. T. Grantham, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Gellatly, Mr. and Mrs. L. Gibson, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Goodwin, Mrs. P. C. Halls, R. Guy Haw, Mr. and Mrs. B. C. Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Hirst, Mr. and Mrs. J. Hutchison, Mrs. S. Innes, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Jacecock, L. C. Ken-nough, A. Marshall, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. McAusland, Mr. and Mrs. J. McKelvie, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Mead, Mr. and Mrs. W. Melrose, Mrs. E. E. Monk, E. J. Monk, R. F. Monk, J. Prentice, Mrs. D. C. Rogers, Very Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Rose, Dr. J. R. Rose, Rev. W. G. B. Ream, Mr. and Mrs. W. Sprague, Miss S. V. Sprague, Dr. F. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. W. Stonehouse, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. J. Simpson, Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Timmins, W. H. Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Tyler, Tam Wa Wun, T. W. Wheeler, Wong U. Lam, Mr. and Mrs. C. Woodhouse, B. Wright, W. F. Weller, W. G. Wormald, B. G. Chughai, Mohammed Din, B. Hermandas, K. M. Hira, Mohammed Jani, Amir Khan, Ghulam Rahani, Wong Yue Hing, J. D. A. Hutchison, H. J. Ho, Rev. A. S. M. Anderson, Chan Phioi Hoong, J. L. Campbell, Chan Hung Sheng, K. V. B. Hest, L. R. Home, W. G. Harris, T. Hart, F. G. Jones, L. G. Jago, Mr. and Mrs. H. Liu, A. C. R. Portway, Mr. and Mrs. Shen Chee Chang, K. Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Stokes, Mr. and Mrs. Tai Lee Tao, Tung Hou Chi, Tan Yee Lin, Mrs. M. I. Wood, and Mrs. W. Wilson, Wong Hien Hien, Yang Dien Chang, S. On Ven Yang, Miss Yung Foor Moy.

Controlled Prices amended

Additional amendments to the list of controlled prices of foodstuffs were published in yesterday's "Government Gazette". They are:

Lard: White Cooked Vegetable, \$1.80 per lb. tin.
Margarine: Anchor Brand Table Margarine, \$1.30 per lb. tin.
Meat—Canned: Palma Boneless Cooked Luncheon Ham, Skinless Quality, \$3.95 per lb. (in tin of 7/10 lbs.).
Meat—Fresh: Veal (Australian), Calf's Heart, \$1.40 per lb. Pork (Australian), Pig's Kidneys, \$1.85 per lb. Mild Cured Ham (Australian), Primrose Brand, \$2.80 per lb.
Cheese: Kraft Brand, \$2.00 per lb. Maxam Processed, \$1.60 per 12 oz. tin.
Meat—Canned: Corned Beef—Brand, \$1.45 per 12 oz. tin.
Meat—Fresh: Beef and Sunders (Australian), Ox Kidneys, \$1.80 per lb. Ox Tongues, \$2.00 per lb. Mild Cured Ham (Australian), Supremacy Brand Seeded Ham packed in Salt, \$2.85 per lb.

JAP MERCHANTS ON TRADE MISSION

Nine Japanese merchants passed through Hong Kong on their way to India by British Overseas Airways yesterday.

On the plane, one is on his way to Bangkok and another is going to Karachi. The Japanese who are representatives of Japanese trading companies, are on business trips.

Twenty-five cases before February Criminal Sessions

Twenty-five criminal cases are to come up at the February Criminal Sessions, including one of murder, one of rape, two of attempted murder and one of robbery with aggravation in which two British soldiers, John McFadden and Archibald MacDougall, are involved.

The Sessions will start on Monday, February 20, when pleas will be taken in the following order:

Yam Li-alias Yam Ning, Lin Chat alias Chan Chat, Cheung Loy alias Cheung Ching, Chau Yau alias Chan Fat alias Chow Yuen-yau, Lau Yik-alias Chan Ming alias Choi Shui alias Choi Kam-shul—breach of deportation order.
Chan Kwong—Possession of arms and ammunition.
Tan Kim-ping alias Fan Kelm-ing—Possession of arms and ammunition.
Lam Kwok-fai—Possession of arms and ammunition.
Cheung Hon—Possession of forged banknotes.
Ling Kai—Assault with intent to rob.
Chau Kau alias Chan Fat alias Chow Yuen-yau—(1) Rape, (11) Robbery with violence.
Tung Yan-alias Chan Yan—Robbery with aggravation.

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Weekly Health Return

Sixty-four deaths from tuberculosis were reported the week ended February 11, according to the weekly Health Return issued yesterday.

In addition, there were three deaths from diphtheria, and one each from dysentery, enteric fever, rabies (animal) and whooping cough.

Total deaths from tuberculosis since the beginning of the year up to the period under review was 324.

Total deaths from all causes in the week under review were 367 against 1,216 births.

Soldier charged with rape

Craftsman Leslie James Burch, aged 33, of the Royal Electrical and Mechanical Engineers, was charged before Mr. James Wicks at Kowloon yesterday with three counts of rape, rendering a person insensible with intent to commit an indictable offence and robbery with violence.

The charges against the soldier were that on Wednesday at Argyle Street he had carnal knowledge of Hyacintha Rozario Maling, 40-year-old Portuguese married woman, of No. 9 Houshar Estate, Ma Tau Chung, Argyle Street, without her consent, rendering her insensible by choking her with intent to enable him to commit an offence of rape; and robbing her with violence of a 14k gold finger ring and a handbag containing various articles and \$10.

A 48-hour remand in military custody on the application of Sub-Inspector Percy Lowe was granted.

Mess boy sentenced for larceny

Pleading guilty to nine charges of larceny of clothing to the total value of \$620 from Whitfield Barracks and the Command Shop REME, Li Chow-wing, mess boy, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labour by Mr. F. X. d'Almeida at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendant, who committed the offences between January 11 and February 3, pawned the loot for a total of \$120.

The complainants were Sergeant Wallis, Sergeant Tribbo, Sergeant Williams, Sergeant Kitchingham, Sergeant Barnes, Sergeant Colliers and Corporal Jorgory of Whitfield Barracks, and Staff Sergeant Warren and Sergeant Kilpatrick of the Command Shop, REME.

When arrested, defendant, who worked at various barracks, was found with 39 pawn tickets, nine of which were related to the clothes he stole from the barracks.

The pawn brokers were ordered to return the articles to their owners without payment.

Defendant also stole a set of pen and pencil and a cigarette lighter from Sergeant Warren.

Detective Sub-Inspector Chan Ki-yick prosecuted.

BAND CONCERT

The Band of the 1st Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry will play in the "New Botanical Gardens" from 3 to 5 p.m. on Sunday.

Chinese Press comment on Sino-Soviet pacts

An independent vernacular newspaper, two Communist dailies and one pro-Kuomintang paper commented on the new Sino-Soviet treaties yesterday.

The "Sing Tao Jih Pao" said that the treaties, marking a fresh start in Chinese-Russian relations, are an important turning point in the progress of world affairs.

The newspaper said that the treaties will have a four-fold effect on the international situation: First, they open a new era in Sino-Soviet relations (and represent the achievement of equality, reciprocity and friendly co-operation between China and the Soviet Union).

Secondly, the US\$300,000,000 loan demonstrates the indivisibility of the economy of China and the Soviet Union and tends to show that in the military and diplomatic fields the two countries will also work closely together.

Thirdly, the conclusion of the treaties means the construction of a strong Communist bloc in the Far East and in the world as a whole. For the first time in history, two big nations—one in Europe and one in Asia—have pledged to work in close co-operation.

As a result, it will lead to further expansion of Communism in Europe and Asia and to increased tension between the anti-Communist forces and the Soviet bloc.

Fourthly, a peace treaty with Japan is an important question in the Sino-Soviet treaties. It is also a most difficult problem.

Russia apparently feels that the conclusion of a peace treaty with Japan would eliminate the American threat. On the other hand, America wants to remain in occupation of Japan as long as possible in order to use Japan as a major base in her struggle against the Soviet Union.

The "Ta Kung Pao" said that the object of the treaties is to prevent the resurgence of Japanese imperialism and any other aggression in any form by others in league with Japan.

It added, however, that the treaties are not aimed against the Japanese people, but that in fact they would prove beneficial to them. The Japanese people's real happiness will begin when they rid themselves of imperialist control.

The treaties have a positive function to carry out. They mean close co-operation between the two signatory nations in striving for world peace and in developing the economy and culture of the two states. In this respect, they differ from the Atlantic Pact which is aimed at the Soviet Union and the people's republics in Europe.

The clauses on the Manchurian Railway, Port Arthur and Dairen, are necessary because technically the Soviet Union and Japan are still at war. China has no wish to speak of so the Soviet Navy will have to keep an eye on Japan. The Soviet has no ice-free Port in the Far East. Therefore, to permit the Soviet temporary use of Port Arthur, Dairen, and the railway that links Manchuria with the Soviet is reasonable from all points of view.

The loan to China, though not big, represents a great sacrifice on the part of the Soviet people. Normally, export of capital is a form of capitalism, but the Soviet loan is different.

The "Wen Wei Pao" said that the strong warning to Japan and her manipulators demonstrates the stand taken by China and the Soviet in preserving world peace.

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the 14th March, 1950, at 12.15
p.m. for as soon thereafter as
the Ordinary Yearly Meeting to
be held at noon on that date
shall have been concluded for
the purpose of considering and,
if thought fit, passing the sub-
joined Resolutions as Ordinary
Resolutions:—

(1) "That the Authorized
Capital of the Company be
increased from its present
Capital of H.K.\$5,000,000
divided into 500,000
shares of H.K.\$10.00 each
(of which 300,000 shares
have been issued) to
H.K.\$10,000,000.00 by the
creation of 600,000 addi-
tional shares of the
nominal value of H.K.
\$10.00 each and that the
unissued shares of the
Company's Capital and
such additional shares as
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upon such terms and con-
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Board of Directors in their
absolute discretion shall
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(2) "That it is desirable to
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Reserve Fund, and ac-
cordingly that a special
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held by each such Share-
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By Order of the Board
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Report of the Board of Direc-
tors together with the State-
ment of Accounts for the year
ended 31st December, 1949, and
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J. S. C. NEEL,
General Manager
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Dated this 15th Day of
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led. Playing of that next higher
honour tells the leader's partner
only something he already knows
while keeping knowledge of the
next higher honour or honours
from him.

S 8 6 4
H 5 3 2
D J 8 2
C A J 7 2

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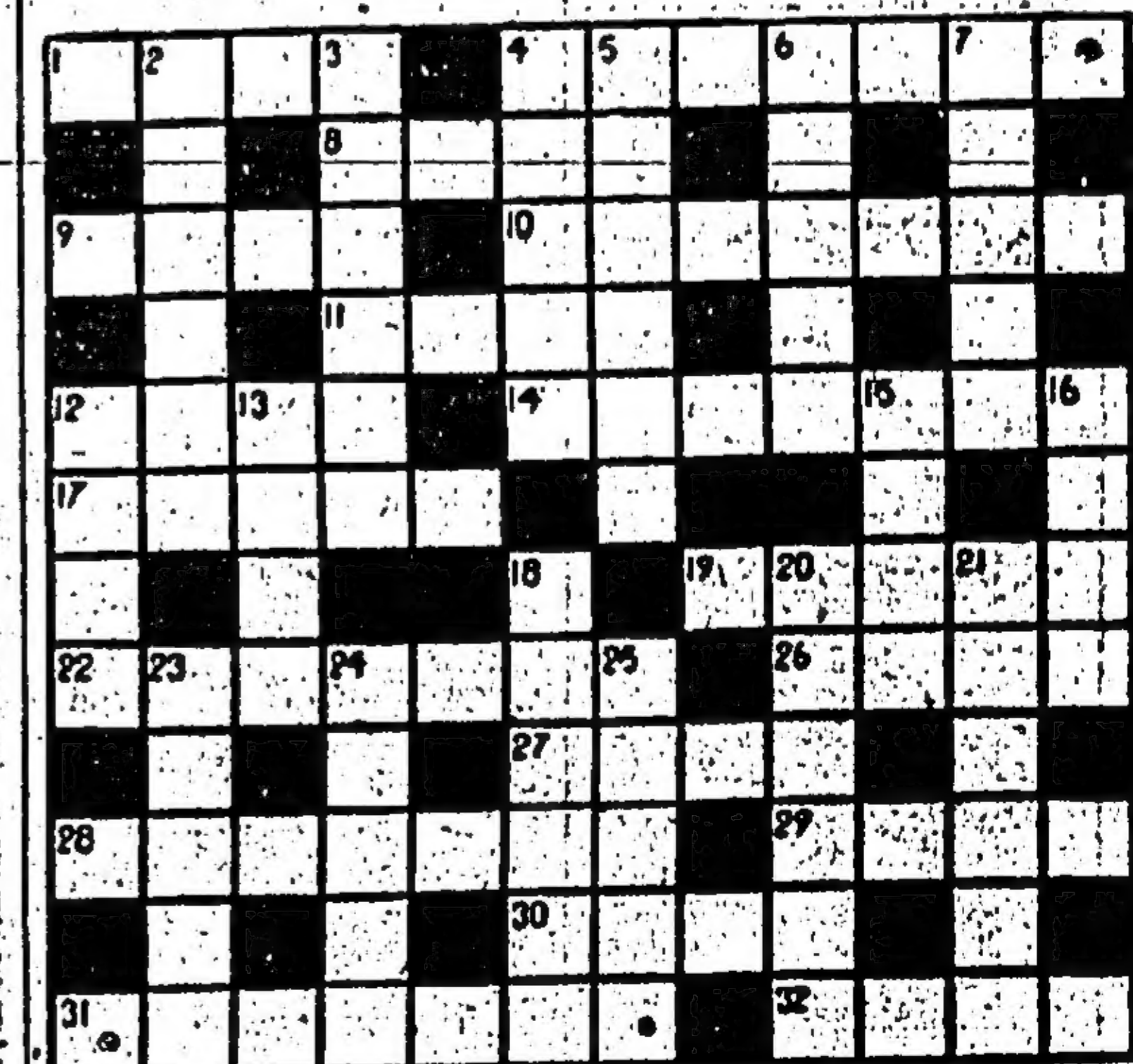
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S 10 7
H 10
D A Q 7 5 3
C K 10 6 5 2

S Q 6
H Q 7 2
D J 4 2
C 5 4 3

S A J 9 4 3
H K 9 8 4 3
D 9
C A 7

(Dealer: East. Neither side vul-
nerable. East-West 60 part-score).
What would you consider the
best bidding of this deal, if North
on the previous one had just
taken a bad set?

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Across
1 Jewel. 19 Ward off. 2 Portion of
4 Illusions. 22 Negotiated. time.
8 Black. 26 Expression of 18 Separate
9 Legal docu- dismay. 19 A kind of
ment. 27 Tax. sheep.
10 Speech. 28 Sift. 20 Portman-
11 Brave man. 29 Metal. teau.
12 Stupor. 30 Fish. 21 Stew.
14 Bag. 31 Wretched. 22 Proportion.
17 Mature. 32 Devours. 23 Month.
18 Speechless. 24 Senior
19 Part of foot. member.

Yesterday's Crossword
ACROSS—1 Shrew, 4 Eburna,
8 Robbed, 10 Lepus, 12 Sickle, 14
Monks, 17 Part, 19 Curates, 20
Clashes, 22 Left, 23 Sheared, 27
Radown, 29 Shape, 30 Despot, 31
Diddle, 32 Daily.

DOWN—1 Scrum, 2 Robd, 3
Wrest, 5 Talk, 6 Repeat, 7 Goats,
9 Diocese, 11 Alpaca, 13 Crushed,
15 Ogle, 16 Instep, 18 Scars, 20
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CINEMA WORLD

Miss Bergman shines in "Joan of Arc"

Rating: *

The story of Joan of Arc has enchanted film makers as it has poets, artists, musicians, dramatists and historians and the first film Joan of Arc was, we believe, made early this century by a French movie producer.

Several other versions were made later, including one by Cecil B. DeMille. The latest interpretation of the saint's life, which opens today at the King's Theatre, stars Ingrid Bergman, and gives the tall Swedish actress—the focus of the year's juiciest scandal—the biggest role in her career.

Miss Bergman fills the role, and if the rest of the picture is up to Miss Bergman, it could be rated as being excellent. As it is, it rates a very good.

The Technicolor version, ably directed by Victor Fleming, tells the story of Joan from start to finish—from the time she heard her heavenly voices, as a farm girl in a Lorraine village, to her anguished death at the stake.

At times, the history lesson dulls the drama. However, Miss Bergman's performance is so superb that the draggy spots hardly meet the eye. She gives Joan the quiet and inspired dignity and conviction that the story demands. She is ably assisted by a fine supporting cast including Jose Ferrer as the Dauphin, Currier North as the Count of Luxembourg, Francis L. Sullivan as the Bishop of Beauvais, and Shepperd Strudwick as Joan's balliff.

Some of the most beautiful and impressive Technicolor shots—including Joan, in full armor, standing against the background of a crimson sky, calling on her soldiers to march into battle—to be filmed since the "memorable" "Gone With the Wind" add to the film's prestige.

"Joan of Arc" is great entertainment.

Broadway, Roxy show Fox film

Rating: **

"The Prince of Foxes," Lunar New Year attraction at the Roxy and Broadway Theatres, is just the type of adventure screen thriller to pack in all lovers of intrigues, violent deaths, assassins and torturers.

Serious analysis of the film would be about as valuable as a thesis on "Pass in Bouts." But since people usually insist on knowing what films are about, we had better reveal that Cesare Borgia, played by Orson Welles (with his tongue in his cheek), makes Count Orsini (Tyronne Power) his ambassador to a nameless province ruled by an aged wise man and his young wife (Felix Aylmer and Wand Hendrix).

Mr. Orsini has orders to act as Fifth Column when Borgia attacks the mountain fortress. As the story unfolds itself, however, something goes wrong. That's right. Cupid lets go with his bow and Mr. Orsini acts that certain feeling about Miss Hendrix. From then on it's a losing battle for virtue and goodness. And evil, in the form of Mr. Welles, triumphs at a gruesome banquet when the captive Orsini, now marked as a turn-coat, is led in chains before Borgia.

All's well that ends well, however, and the romantic are assured of a happy ending.

Strong points of the film is its realistic setting. The Prince of Foxes was filmed in Italy against an authentic background, which counts heavily when you value the picture.

RATINGS

The "China Mail" is using the following classification to indicate to readers the quality of films reviewed:
*** Excellent
** Above average
* Average
Below average

NEW VEHICLE FOR WILDE

Howard Hughes has signed Cornell Wilde to star in "The Sons of the Musketeers," to be filmed in Technicolor.

At the same time, he announced a contract closed with Jerrold T. Brandt to produce the picture. "The Sons of the Musketeers," a top-budget feature, will be laid in the period some 20 years after the era (1620) in which Alexandre Dumas placed the gallant characters of his original great "cloak and dagger" romance, "The Three Musketeers."



BOB HOPE
Lover Boy.

Where there is Love, there's Hope

Rating: ***

Sporting a profile that strongly resembles a ski jump, and boasting an air of suave sophistication that leaves women weak—with laughter—Bob Hope blithely plays the title role in Paramount's new comedy, "The Great Lover," which opens at the Lee and Liberty Theatres today.

Romantic Robert's qualifications as the world's most irresistible male, according to the mimeographed list he distributes, include the attributes of every lover from Romeo to Boyer. Actually, he's the answer to a maiden's prayer only if she's praying for laughs.

Having been paired, with his favourite blonde, Madeleine Carroll, and his favourite brunette, Dorothy Lamour, lover-boy Hope is co-starring with his favourite red-head, Rhonda Fleming, in "The Great Lover," a truly funny comedy in the Hope Style. Roland Young heads the featured cast which includes Roland Culver, Jim Backus, George Reeves and Richard Lyon.

Bob plays chaperone to a group of Boy Scouts who are returning to America aboard a luxury liner after a bicycle tour through France. He doesn't object when they forbid him to smoke or drink, but he almost commits mayhem when they threaten to interfere in his romantic affairs. There are some things even Hope won't tolerate, especially from defenceless children.

Musically, "The Great Lover" features two new tunes by Livingston and Evans, composers of "Buttons and Bows," "To Each His Own" and "Golden Earrings." Sung by Bob and Rhonda, the songs are "Lucky Us" and "A Thousand Violins."

Most pictures starring Bob Hope are sure entertainment bets. His latest is no exception.

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FIRST EPISODE



Mermaid in musical romance

Rating: ***
Technicolor musicals are usually good entertainment, and "Neptune's Daughter," now at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres, is a good musical.

Starring Esther Williams and Red Skelton, the film is ideal holiday film fare for the family, and fans who like Esther's aquatic performances and Red's type of comedy will get their money's worth.

American musicals have, in the past few years, become a bit too elaborate. It is this over-elaborateness that is the film's main weakness. America is a fine country, and Hollywood may be a fine place, but the average man in the street all over the world doesn't need exactly a super-extravaganza to take his mind off the Hydrogen Bomb. A simple story and some "own-to-earth" characters would do quite nicely, thank you.

"Neptune's Daughter" goes for beautiful settings and gorgeous gals in a big way, and if you should decide to bring your girl friend to the show, don't blame her for not being another Miss Williams; take what you see on the screen with a grain of salt.

Highlight of the picture, in our opinion, is a superb treatment of the song hit, "Baby It's Cold Outside," which is a model of how a production number should be done.

Ricardo Montalban, who plays the romantic lead, is not only a "ood-looker" but has just the kind of body that makes us feel sorry we didn't listen to Mr. Charles Atlas.

SEARCH FOR FOUR TALENTED GIRLS

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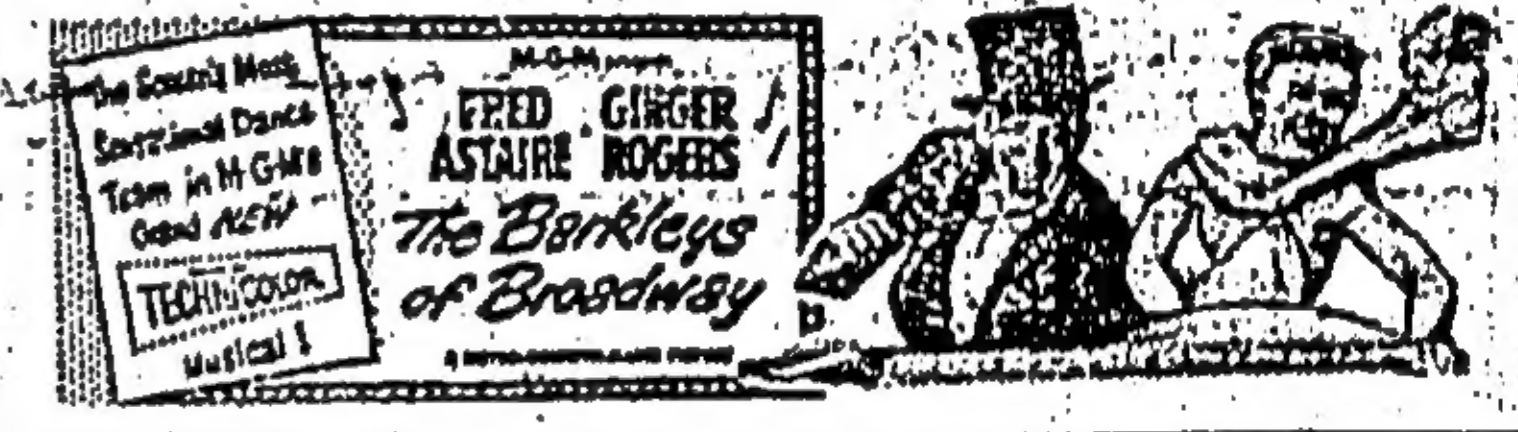
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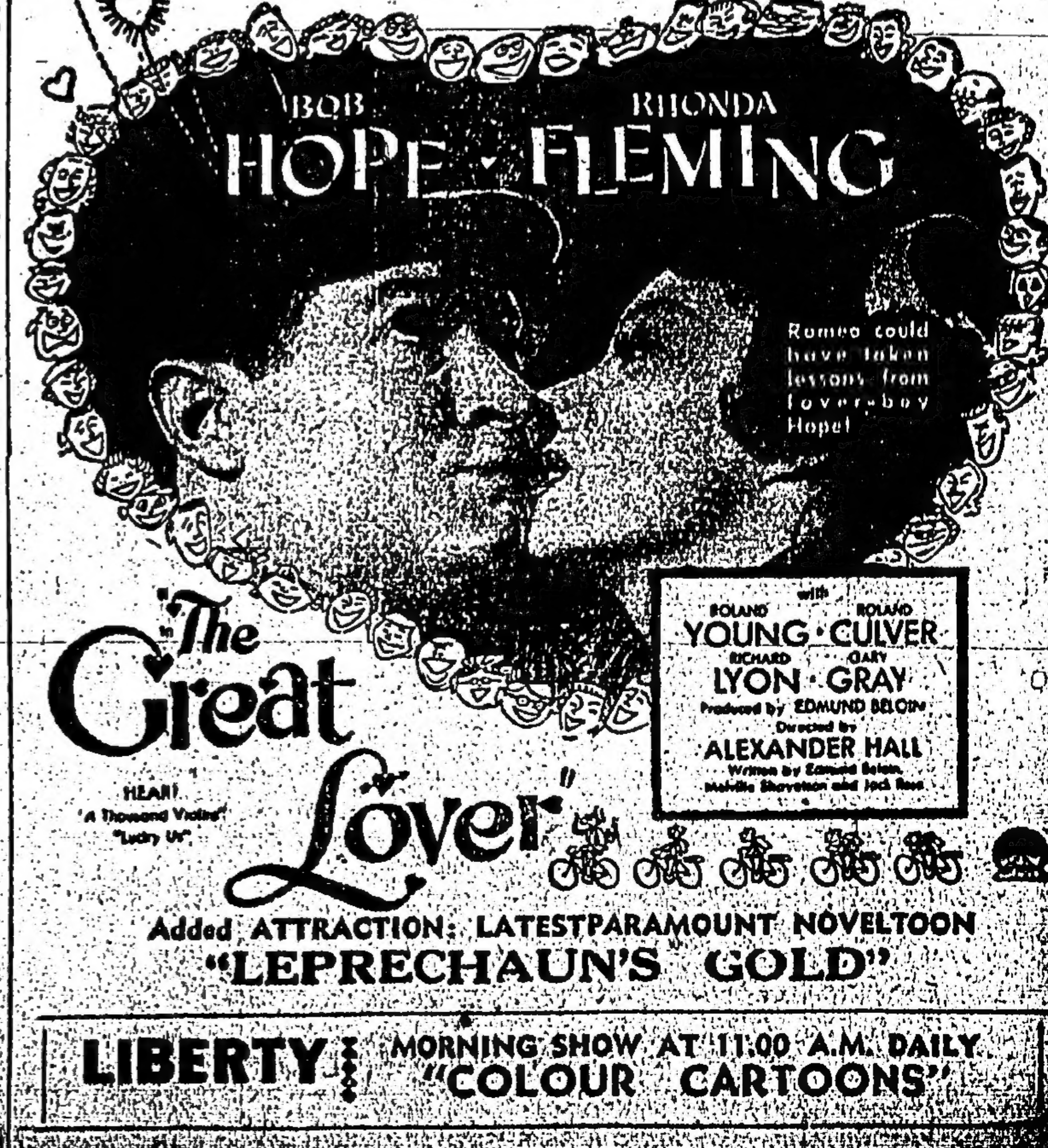


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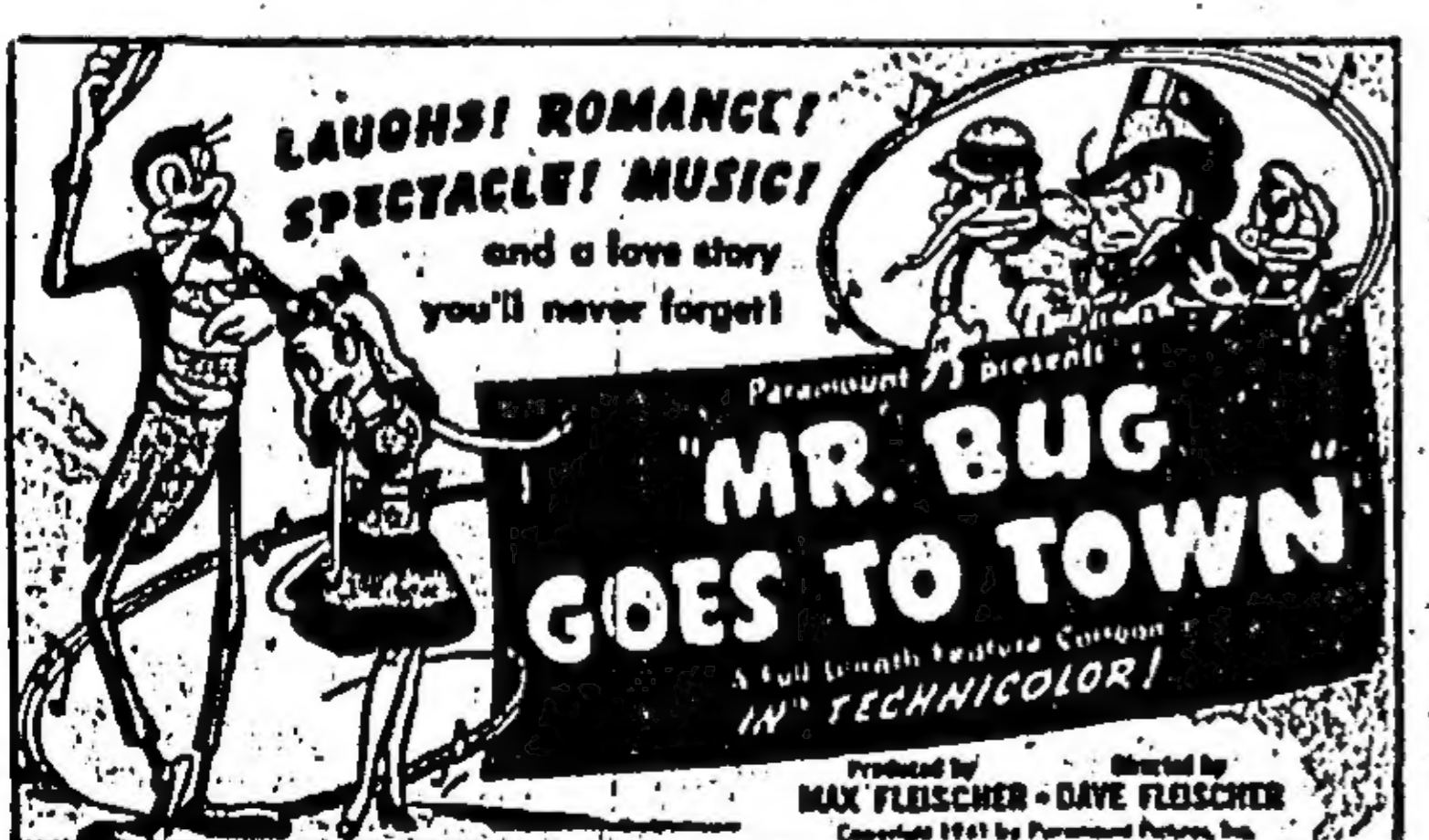
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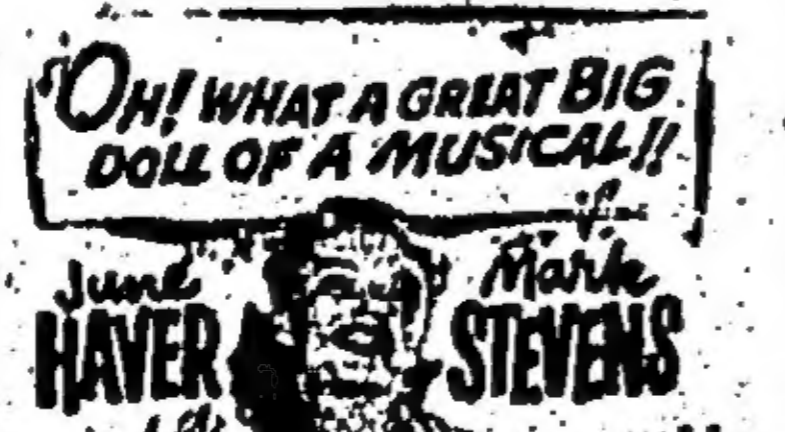
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U.S. DIPLOMATS END BANGKOK MEETING; POLICY AGAINST REDS

Flying wing jet fighter blows up

Brighton, England, February 15.
A secret experimental flying wing jet fighter blew up in the air today killing its Royal Air Force test pilot.

The tailless plane was one of two models owned by the Ministry of Supply, the government's purchasing agency. It was on high speed trials from the RAF base at Farnborough.

The name of the pilot was not immediately announced.

The plane, known as the DH-108, was built by the De Havilland Aircraft Company, makers of many wartime planes and the post-war Vampire jet fighters.

Captain Geoffrey de Havilland, son of Captain Sir Geoffrey de Havilland, technical director of the company, was killed in a crash in 1946 when he was testing a similar model for his father's company.

The Ministry of Supply disclosed last year that the DH-108 had been flown at speeds faster than sound. The top speed attained, however, is still a secret.

On April 12, 1948, de Havilland test pilot John Derry flew the odd-looking little craft to a world record of 605.23 miles per hour for 100 kilometres (62.3 miles) over a closed course—that is, in a rough circle.—Associated Press.

BELGIANS TO VOTE ON ROYAL ISSUE

Brussels, February 15.
Five and a half million Belgians of voting age will be called to the polls on March 12 to take part in a referendum on the question of provisionally exiled King Leopold's return to the throne, it was learned today.—Reuter.

Bangkok, February 15.
U.S. diplomats ended their Far East conference yesterday, and highly competent sources said they agreed on a policy of shoring up South East Asia against the Communist tide.

While policy must be set in Washington, these sources said the following main points were agreed upon after three days of exhaustive sessions:

1. The United States is prepared to give arms and economic aid to South East Asia nations if their people show a will to fight the Red threat to their independence. No U.S. troops would be sent, however.

2. A Chinese Communist invasion of Indo-China is unlikely because it is unnecessary. Instead, the Communists will seek to take Ho Chi Minh, whose regime is already recognised by Red China and Russia. He is said to have plenty of men, and needs only guns.

Serious situation

3. The situation of the Republic of South Korea is serious because a Communist victory there would threaten Japan. Japan is now the major American position in the Orient.

4. It is unlikely that the Chinese Nationalists can hold Taiwan.

The conference also discussed the treaty of alliance between Communist China and Russia. Much thought was given to the security of South East Asian countries that they might be swept up in the Communist drive over Asia.

The diplomats said these fears were increased by signing of the pact in Moscow. Observers thought the Moscow announcement was timed to take the edge off this conference.

Some American diplomats were represented as doubtful whether there still was time for the U.S. to act to forestall the Communists.

The point of greatest anxiety was Indo-China. There, Bao Dai's French-backed Viet Nam is confronted by the armies of Ho Chi Minh. Moscow-trained Ho has rallied many nationalists around him.

A French army of 120,000 men has been fighting Ho for three years. The big question is: can Bao Dai and the French survive if Ho steps up his attacks with aid from the Chinese Communists?

Anxiety Heightened

The Red China-Russia pact announcement only heightened anxiety over the Indo-Chinese situation. The pact was seen as a sign that the dam breaks in Indo-China, the view of all South East Asia will be dark indeed.

Some diplomats thought the United States of Indonesia can become a strong factor in supporting the anti-Communist bloc in South East Asia. But its first must weather at least three difficult months before economic aid can become effective.

Observers agreed that this aid must be under the eyes of U.S. observers to keep it from being wasted or lost to the Reds, as aid was in China.

A State Department official in Washington, meanwhile, reports that the United States is clamping tight controls to keep smuggled American arms out of

Communist-threatened South East Asia and other world trouble spots.

Mr. Leonard H. Pomeroy, of the Department's munitions division, said American, British and Japanese arms have been traced to rebels in Indo-China, Thailand and Burma. All are currently plagued with disorders which Communists have sought to exploit.

Extensive leakages from American World War Two stocks in the Pacific, and thefts from other stores, have helped build up an international blackmarket which the United States and other governments are bringing under control with difficulty, Mr. Pomeroy said. Looting of surplus stocks which had been sold to the Philippines has been a fertile source of illegal arms, he added.

The munitions division is the clearing house for American official efforts to restore stability in South East Asia as part of a stop-Communist campaign.—Associated Press.

Approach to Russia is lauded

Paris, February 15.
Professor Sirvepalli Radhakrishnan, the Indian Ambassador to Russia, said here today that he noted with satisfaction a tendency, both in Britain and the United States, for a fresh approach to Soviet Russia on the question of a settlement of outstanding differences.

Professor Radhakrishnan, who is in Paris for a meeting of the 18-nation Executive Board of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation, cited recent speeches by Mr. Winston Churchill, Mr. Anthony Eden and Sir Hartley Shawcross in Britain and by the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson.

"They are all calling for a settlement, for a friendly approach to Russia," he said. "The peoples of the world welcome this with great relief. The hungry people do not want arms, capitalism or Communism. They want an opportunity to eat and so long as we are wasting our resources on huge armaments in Europe and America these people will be thrown into economic misery."

The Indian Ambassador, who has been in Moscow for six months and met Marshal Stalin last month, continued: "From my slight acquaintance with the Soviet Government, they are quite keen on peace and would not fight-heartedly let go an opportunity for an understanding with the West."—Reuter.



OUT OF THE INK POT

Comments on Churchill's Election campaign speech

London, February 15.

British newspapers today had much to say about the speech made by the Conservative leader, Mr. Winston Churchill, in Edinburgh yesterday in which he referred to another high-level talk with Russia. This reference was made in a guarded suggestion.

Mr. Churchill said, "I cannot help coming back to this idea of another talk with Soviet Russia on the highest level. The idea appeals to me of a supreme effort to bridge the gulf between the two worlds, so that each can live their life, if not in friendship, at least without the hatreds of the cold war. It is not easy to see how things could be worsened by a parley at the summit."

The paper said, "That may be a gamble even worse than our present state."

The Communist Daily Worker called Mr. Churchill's suggestion an election manoeuvre. Stating that Labour leaders have slavishly followed out Tory foreign policy, the "Daily Worker" in its editorial said, "The Atlantic war alliance carried out by Mr. Bevin was his (Churchill's) creation. Even while he talks of a new approach, his entire speech reeks of anti-Soviet hatred."

The paper asked, "If he is sincere in his desire for a new approach to the Soviet Union why did he not propose this in his broadcast of February 6?"

The paper added, "On the contrary he used even that recent broadcast to bolster up Mr. Bevin and praise the Government's foreign policy, a policy which he and the Conservatives have supported at every turn."

While Mr. Churchill was suggesting—at Edinburgh—another "Big Three" talk, President Truman was almost anticipating American official opinion to such a move.

Sceptical Truman

In an interview with the "New York Times" Washington correspondent, Mr. Truman indicated that he did not believe that any Russian proposals given in talks would be kept. He said that he has no hope that the Russians will keep any agreement which it would be good policy for the United States to seek.

Guardian's advice

In its main editorial, the "Manchester Guardian" advised Election candidates not to follow Mr. Churchill's lead in trying to drag diplomacy towards Russia into their speeches. The paper asked, "What if a gesture such as Mr. Churchill suggests were made and failed disastrously? Are we ready to accept the consequences?"

Churchill was thought to have broken the spirit of the Inter-Party truce on foreign policy in his speech by throwing the atomic bomb into the election campaign. He wrote that in raising hopes of a truce with Russia, Mr. Churchill may well set forth a new issue that will blanket the more parochial problems of jobs, food and housing.

The correspondent added that it might be that Mr. Churchill had touched off a vote getting issue.

But the "New York Times," "Herald Tribune" and most of the afternoon papers in New York carried Mr. Churchill's speech on their front pages with such headlines as "Churchill For United States-British-Stalin Talks."

In Washington, the Deputy Under-Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Rusk, told Senators today that America was prepared to discuss outstanding issues with the Soviet Union and to leave all possible doors open for an exchange of views.

But such discussions must not be a matter of two people sitting in a corner and disposing of the basic interests of other Governments or peoples behind their backs, he stressed.

The State Department official was discussing with a Senate Foreign Relations Sub-Committee proposals to improve international organization and suggestions for further approaches to ameliorate American-Soviet relations.

Official view

It was the first official United States Government pronouncement on such proposals since Mr. Churchill made his suggestion for a new move to end the East West cold war.

Mr. Rusk said, "There were many opportunities for negotiation in the United Nations and through the ordinary channels of diplomacy," he added.

"The door to negotiation is always open on our side. We have insisted upon the proper forum for discussion because we believe that we cannot build for the future unless those who have genuine interests in a matter can be heard and can take part in the final decision."

"The record of the past eight years will show the unusual effort which has been made by the United States and the Western world in taking the initiative to end possible points of understanding with the Soviet Union. The initiative from the West has been continuous and persistent."—Reuter.

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WHY DOES CYPRUS WISH TO SECEDE?

By J. L. Hays

More blue and white Greek flags than Union Jacks flutter from the churches and schools of Cyprus. More portraits of King Paul of Greece than of Britain's King hang in the taverns.

A strange state of affairs in a British Crown Colony, British since 1878. Perhaps—but it helps to explain why in the recent unofficial "plebiscite" the island's 365,000-strong Greek-speaking Cypriots voted so heavily in favour of "Enosis" union with Greece, 400 miles away across the Mediterranean.

Too frequently forgotten in Britain is the fact that four-fifths of the population of Cyprus speak Greek, and are members of the Greek Orthodox Church.

Yet, although Cyprus is known to have been populated since 4000 B.C., the island has never been part of Greece, never been ruled by Greeks.

BIRTH

At—To Judith, wife of Lincoln At—on February 15th at Central Hospital Hongkong, a son.

DECISION FOR HAMLET

When Mao Tse-tung left for Moscow the Chinese Communists were flushed with an unparalleled military victory. Their liberation armies had overrun Manchuria and China Proper from Changchun to Shanghai. In its course they swallowed up and absorbed millions of well-armed but ill-spirited Nationalist troops. A new and disciplined Titan had appeared. Nobody knows how high were the expectations expected from the mission to Moscow. Week succeeded week amid a silence many began to regard as ominous. Now at last the world knows much, if not all, that transpired.

The Chinese negotiators are bringing back a Russian I.O.U.—a promise to pay back, not now but two years hence, the Manchurian inheritance of the Tsars which the early Bolsheviks so fervently expropriated. That is the only material difference between the Treaty of 1945 and the new one. The thirty years' alliance is re-affirmed, but in very different circumstances. The severity of the terms the Kremlin insisted upon at Yalta as the payment for her six days' war on Japan has been ruefully admitted. But they were at least balanced by the close ties between the Chinese Nationalist Government and the Western Powers, especially the United States. The political, economic, and international importance of that balance was vital. With the collapse of the Nanjing Government and the rapid triumph of the Communists, that balance vanished.

Whether the new Chinese leaders, in deciding so quickly to negotiate with Russia, grasped this fateful position, seems doubtful. Certainly it was not lost on the Kremlin. It may be a long time before the story is told of the long and hard bargaining, but it would hardly be surprising to learn that the hardest part of it all was to get the promise, for every Communist is a Chinese when it comes to that most vital of all the properties, the saving of face. The promise does this. If by any chance it is not fulfilled, the loss of face will go down to Russia's debit.

The price to be paid, while two years are used to solidify the situation in Manchuria, is to be found in the clause that binds China not to join any alliance or group hostile to Russia. The obligation is mutual, of course. But the point is that China is estopped from restoring the balance on which the 1945 Treaty rested. If by any chance there is a revolt in China Proper, the promise will no doubt be regarded as invalid and direct arrangements will be made, as in 1924, with the North-East Government. The delicate but somewhat ungainly posture of leaning to one side has acquired a more restful pose. Talk of secret agreements and undisclosed protocols there may be—the picture is clear enough without them.

Beside this fait accompli the urgings to do something about Taiwan are seen to be futile—as unhappy and miserable as the bombings and blockading of Shanghai, which are in truth an instrument not of Nationalist or independence policies but in its fruits of

Why, then, do the Greek-speaking Cypriots demand "Enosis?"

The answer to that is that not all of them are any means "Enosis."

The "plebiscite" vote must be regarded for what it is worth. It was organised by the Church. Voting was neither secret nor properly supervised.

There is, in fact, a "shadow" minority—perhaps amounting to one-third of the Greek-speaking population and excluding the intensely pro-British 150,000-strong mixed Turkish-Armenian community—against union.

But public opposition to "Enosis" is virtually out of the question for stay-at-home Cypriots.

A shopkeeper daring to air opinions contrary to "national aspirations" would find his premises boycotted. A doctor would lose his patients, a coffee shop owner his customers. A business man would find his name printed and insulted in a Communist newspaper. A peasant would find himself and his family "sent to Coventry" in his village.

Three stands

And the excitable Cypriots are quick to use violence, although normally the kindest and most hospitable people in the Middle East.

The "Enosis" claim can be analysed thus:—

THE CHURCH.—The all-powerful Greek Orthodox Church provides the movement's leadership. Through a network of village priests working close to the people, teaching in the schools, joining social and political life, they retain rigid control.

Communist policy. China may still want to do business with us, but politically she has slipped noiselessly over to the other side. What has been called the extraordinary drama of the abandonment of imperialism in Asia by the West has been matched, in historical significance, by the decisions in Moscow. The confrontation of the two systems is now the foremost factor in Asia, and the West can meet it only by the sternest realism and a range of view and policy as long as it must be deep.

The largeness of mind and vision which has won for us the goodwill and faith of Asian Nationalism, and made it the ally of the West, provides a moral content that far out-matches the morality, if not always the immediate practical value, of the new Moscow Treaties. It is at least something to support and sustain the free democracies in their choice of the free way of life and their hope to protect it against any threats of armed aggression.

It is to be fortified by economic aid which will, we trust, be far more generous than the niggardly economic provisions of the Moscow Treaties. It was estimated by Mr. Pawley that the value of machinery and other assets taken out of Manchuria as war booty by the Russians was about \$2,000 million. Russia has promised to supply machinery, of types closely resembling those taken out of Manchuria, to the value of a paltry \$60 million each year for five years. The value thus represented is to be paid off in the following ten years in the form of raw materials, tea, gold and U.S. dollars.

These provisions make a harsh bargain. They represent the spirit of the whole Treaty. They form a sharp contrast with the lavish and large-minded economic aid, under the Marshall Plan, to Europe, and the supply of goods in the past two or three years worth \$2,600 million by Britain to India and other wartime creditors to pay off debts contracted in her defence of these countries against the aggression of Japan.

The Church sees in "Enosis" an opportunity to regain the wide range of administrative and financial benefits normally accruing to churches of its type in areas not under British colonial rule.

THE MASSES.—Cypriots have never governed themselves. In turn, Egyptians, Assyrians, Persians, Romans, Byzantines, Templars, Venetians, Turks and British have done the job for them. They say they are Greek by virtue of shared language, religion and culture and, reacting at last to centuries of alien rule, long desperately for a Motherland.

THE COMMUNISTS.—The "hard core" leadership of the Communist-dominated Left has aligned itself with the Church in the "Enosis" campaign only in an effort to embarrass the British authorities, to smash Anglo-Greek friendship, to weaken the Greek friendship to the most vitally strategic areas of the world. We say that in the existing state of tension in the world this is not time for war-torn, bankrupt Greece depending for survival on the island, even if Athens was willing to do so. Britain offers, instead, a constitution immediately responsible Cypriots come forward to join in

the formation of a Consultative Assembly.

Britain tells the Cypriots, frankly, that they do not know when they are well-off.

Are they?

Well, "Enosis" supporters—especially when abroad—are over-fond of describing British rule as "oppressive," and themselves as "slaves under the British Imperialistic yoke."

Well off

They need little persuasion before launching on a gloomy catalogue of trade and unemployment problems, and complaining about the ever-increasing cost of living.

But the truth is that their worries are common to all their neighbours in the Mediterranean. Those of the Cypriots are, in fact, insignificant in comparison with the majority.

Although there are mild security regulations in force governing meetings and speeches, they enjoy more general political and religious freedom than any other community within a thousand miles.

There are 40 newspapers and magazines circulating in English, Turkish and Greek. The six main towns and the 10 largest villages boast municipal councils elected by male voters of age. Nearly 600 smaller villages are governed by "Com-

missions" consisting of the headman and four elders. Income tax is low. A £500-a-year bachelor pays only £21. Petrol is unrationed. Food is plentiful and, with the exception of meat and cheese, inexpensive. Spending more than one-eighth of its budget on education, the Administration has provided 700 free elementary schools (1,400 teachers and 60,000 pupils) and 37 secondary schools.

In millions

Nearly half-way through a 10-year £10,000,000 development plan, the Administration is spending £3,500,000 on a scheme to provide cheap electricity, has freed the island from malaria, runs an efficient health service and is adding to the 700 miles of all-weather roads.

But tell many "Enosis" supporters what they will have to go without if Cyprus goes to Greece, and the reply will be: "Would you desert Britain when she is having a bad time? Greece needs us as much as we need Greece."

This simple sincerity, mostly commonly found in the rural areas, deserves respect.

If it was representative of the entire "Enosis" movement, Britain's present stand against "Enosis" would be more difficult to justify at a point in British history at which the Cypriots are inclined to cling to independence as the Burmese?

But sincerity is in short supply within the "Enosis" ranks.



I understand that local nationalists are not considering making it a happy nude year.

Kashmir premier thinks Paks should just pack.

"Parents should talk with their children about sex without being embarrassed."

We should put on a bold face and pretend we know as much about it as they do.

PPC's expected.

Fifty seven card-carrying Communists are alleged by U.S. senator to be on State Department payroll.

A possibly misguided correspondent says he can only deprecate true comrades using the practices of the bourgeoisie.

A school for dogs has been opened in England.

Post-graduate courses will be popular.

Myrtle says, after reading a magazine article, that it seems our forefathers are not living as long as they did.

The two old sailors, retired after 30 years' service, purchased a small tavern in a country town. The place was closed down while it was painted inside and out and made generally shipshape.

The villagers, after a few days, gathered outside and one of them knocked at the door. A window opened and one of the sailors asked the reason for the crowd.

"We want to know when you're going to open up," was the reply.

"Open up!" retorted the sailor. "We bought this place for ourselves!"

"What's puppy love, daddy?"

"The beginning of a dog's life, my boy."

"At 11.55 p.m. the watchman heard two sounds that could have been shots, and what he heard like groaning. However, he was not sufficiently impressed to investigate."

That's the worst of Chinese New Year.

Records show that married women drive more slowly than married men. Most women will do anything to stay under 30.

A microbe, swimming along a vein, came face to face with another microbe who looked extremely ill. "What's the matter with you, my poor friend?" he asked.

"Oh! Don't come near me," replied the other. "I'm afraid I've caught a little penicillin."

Always willing to help, Myrtle advises: To develop a negative girl, try a dark room.

When he died at Stockholm, he was on a visit to Queen Christina of Sweden to explain his philosophy to her. It was her habit of fixing five a.m. as the time for giving audience which probably led him to contract the chill which proved fatal.

Though Descartes moved with disinclination in the great world of Sweden, he was also sincerely dedicated to the life of the mind. Twice during his life, he fled from acquaintances and joined the army in quest of an obscure life in which he would be left at peace to philosophise. But he was always careful not to close his mind by reading too many books. He said that he considered reading to be like making a journey into a strange country which causes one to feel a stranger in one's own land. When he died, very few books were found in his possession.

Descartes: a great man

By "WINDRUSH"

This month three centuries ago there died one of the really great men of European history.

He died at Stockholm of pneumonia which he had tried in vain to cure by deep potations of brandy. This year his tercentenary is being celebrated in every country of Europe.

He was not a statesman, or soldier, or even a saint. But he was a philosopher, and one of the founders of modern science. Without him we should probably not have developed our scientific civilisation exactly on the lines which it has taken.

His name was Rene Descartes. He was a Frenchman, born in 1596. He was educated by Jesuits and from his school days he was always asking questions. His greatness lay especially in two things. One was in prescribing the rules of thought which modern science was to follow. The other was in sketching in broad outline the picture of the uni-

verse which scientists were to accept at least until the formulation of the quantum theory in this present century.

The philosophers of the middle ages had thought that it was possible to reason in the abstract about the universe. From ideas such as "God," "nature," "the universe," "cause," and from propositions using these ideas, they thought that it was possible to deduce other ideas and propositions which gave the universe a coherent explanation.

At the time of the Renaissance there had been a change of attitude, and philosophers began to say that knowledge must come from experience and not from pure thought. But what was ultimate truth? Can there be any absolute certainty about the facts of natural science?

The achievement of Descartes was to introduce the "method of doubt." He set himself to

doubt systematically every alleged fact which humanity usually accepted. Were material objects real? They seemed to be so. But perhaps a demon was deluding man, and the objects were illusion. He applied this method to every fact and science.

His conclusion was that all except one thing could be doubted. This one undoubted thing was that—if there was an act of doubting, there must also be a doubter.

He formulated this in the famous maxim *Cogito Ergo Sum*. "I think, therefore I am." And having reached bed-rock with this fact, after staggering through bogs of illusion, he proceeded to build upon this one solid fact a logical superstructure which made the universe once more rational and intelligible.

It is true that Descartes' formula is now sharply criticised by philosophers. They say that though there is a process going on which may be called doubting, it is illegitimate to deduce from this there is a personality, an "I," which does the doubting. Nevertheless Descartes' "method" dominated all the early days of modern science in the West.

Descartes' other achievement was to present the picture of the universe as consisting of matter and motion. "Give me matter and motion," he said, "and I can create a world." This was the framework on which all modern physics was built until our time. It led to materialism and the mechanistic theory of the universe.

What a revolution Descartes made in the thought of Europe of only by grasping when the stock ideas of the eighteenth and nineteenth century physicists are compared with the extraordinary barrage of ideas of the so-called scientists of the time, say, of Shakespeare.

Descartes was a man of strange personality. He was born a nobleman, and always pretended to be an amateur thinker. He scorned professionalism. He was a man of fashion, dressed well, and liked to correspond on philosophy with Queens and Princesses.

About the rosbif of Old England

By John Kirk Nelson

With the children home for the week-ends, my wife's preoccupation is with the larder, which, she complains, is no sooner stocked than emptied.

I have advised her to borrow a leaf from the restaurant menu, and so add glamour to her inglorious methods of making a little go a long way by giving exciting French names to the most common-places dishes.

Scrag end of lamb is a harsh and realistic reminder of the English Britons live in, but to the English ear *Roast Beef* is a pleasant and romantic name.

Mrs. Nelson, practical even in perplexity, insists that—call it what you will—scrag end is scrag end and there's no getting away from it.

It is easier, it appears, to fool your husband than your children. Such self-deception as I suggested should, however, be confined to the privacy of the home—and I suppose it is too much to expect candour in a restaurant menu.

There are isolated instances. It is credibly reported that in the House of Commons restaurant menu an item did once appear called *Chicken a la King*, and this goes a long way to appease the most demanding seeker after truth.

In the same privileged establishment appeared a dish labelled *Escalope of venison grandmaman*, and many a hardened politician's eye must have moistened at the thought of the poor old dou-

stricken in the autumn of her days.

I like to think that the more sentimental of the Liberals obtained that this was the occasion when Dr. Summerville tried snook, and that Mr. Gallacher stuck to red mullet.

I suppose it should be conceded that one's mate's fish is another man's poison, and I hope I shall not be considered insular if I protest against the indiscriminate use of French on British restaurant menus—especially in such cases as have been mentioned.

When the English waiter is unable to tell you what's cooking, because his French is not better than your own, it is not surprising to me that a bewildered diner once came to the conclusion that *Ris de veau* is a *farmer's* main meal. The laugh of the old at the farmer's wife, and what kind of an appetising dish is that?

Now I am very fond of good French cooking—and consider it just for a French dish to have label wherever it may be served. My quarrel is with the cobblers which engenders such Continental delicacies as *a steak of kidney pudding* (yes, I promise you I have seen it with these own tired eyes) and *tripes a l'Anglaise*, which is unmistakably tripe and onions, and unmistakably English, but who would put it out in French in an English restaurant?

Another worrying aspect of this social phenomenon is that there seems no escape from the French once you have embarked on it.

For instance, I find that Florence B. Jack, my wife's culinary authority, translates *Boeuf a la Mode* into English as *Beef a la Mode*. Come, come—there must be a point at which a total break from this foreign influence is possible.

Nor can it be concluded from all this that the snobbism is peculiar to the English. What happens to the harassed diner who, bogged down by these intricacies of menu-making, decides that he may as well cross the Channel and learn the language before he starves to death for his ignorance?

Good old days.

Does he find *Boeuf* rot on his Paris menu? He does not. There it is, transformed into *Rosbif*.

And breakfast, believe it or not, is *Bistrot*, which you can have in a *Russe* if you want to have your geography really mixed up.

I know I am always sighing for the good old days, and here I go again. In the 19th century, when the economic of eating were rather different (meat was bought in bits and eaten in bulk), the diner-out was given a chance to know what he was about.

In 1868 a dinner was held at the Langham Hotel, under the auspices of the "Society for the Propagation of Horse Flesh as an Article of Food."

Under the heading of *Buffet* the delicacies are listed in good stark English: Collared horse-head, Brown of horse, Boiled withers.

I don't know if this society still exists, but I have a shrewd suspicion that its good work is still being carried on here and there. But not quite so openly as dear, no.

Spare it, I thought, when you next come across *Filet de boeuf*, and remember that it is a very good thing to eat.



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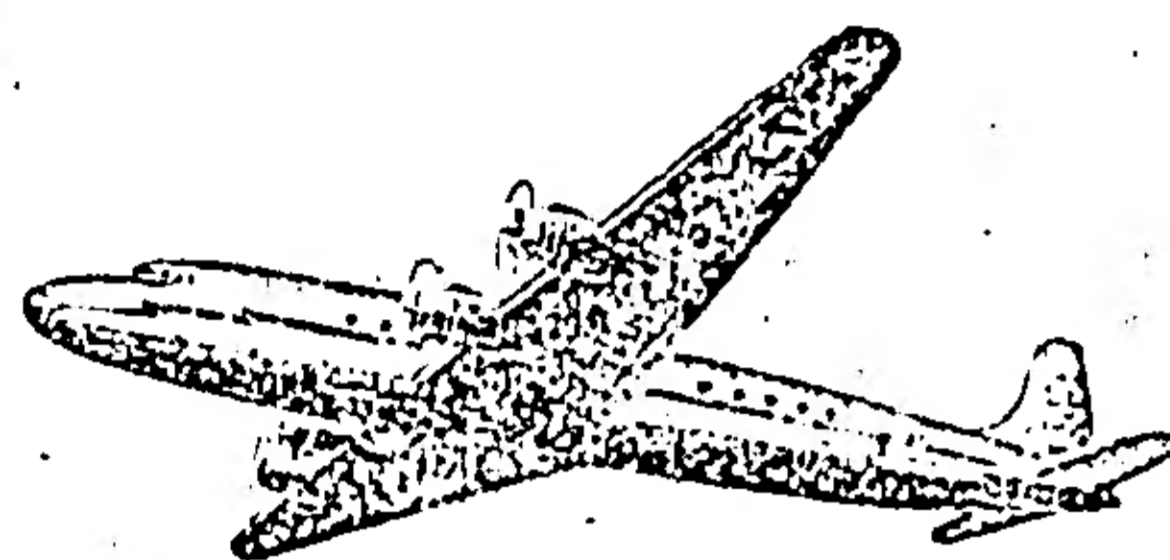
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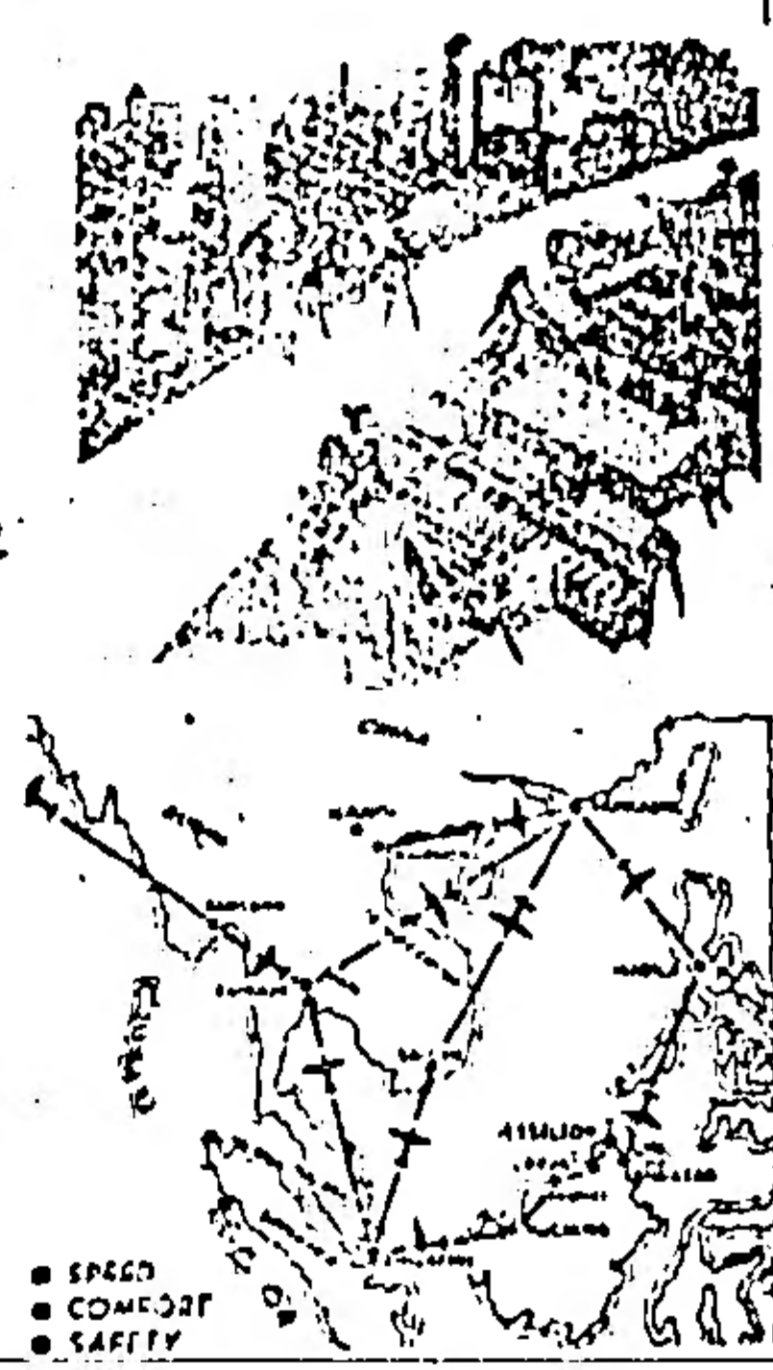
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SINO-SOVIET TREATY REPLICA OF OTHER SATELLITE ALLIANCES

Washington, February 15.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, today called the Sino-Soviet treaty an exact copy of Russia's pacts with its European satellites. He said at his weekly Press conference the world does not know the full story of the 30-year alliance signed on Tuesday.

Nationalist charge on agreement

Lake Success, February 15. Nationalist China's leading spokesman in the United Nations charged today that the Chinese Communists have sold Manchuria and Sinkiang to Russia through secret agreements in the Moscow-Peking treaty which provide for the establishment of joint Sino-Soviet companies in those key provinces.

Dr. Ting-fu Tsiang, chief of the Nationalist delegation to the United Nations, said that secret agreements in the treaty between the Russians and the Chinese Communists provide for the setting up of joint Sino-Soviet-Chinese companies "on a 50-50 basis" in Sinkiang and Manchuria.

Dr. Tsiang said the Communist leader, Mao Tse-tung, virtually has sold these great key areas of China to Moscow. "In published versions of the treaty concluded by Mao and his Foreign Minister, Chou En-lai, after prolonged conversations with the Kremlin, there is no mention of any development programme for the great Northern areas of Sinkiang and Manchuria."

These were two of the provinces mentioned recently by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, who charged that Russia planned to take them over together with Inner and Outer Mongolia.

Dr. Tsiang said the agreement on economic aid calls for a credit of \$300,000,000 to be spent in five years. The average annual credit of \$60,000,000 is not enough to take care of rehabilitation and maintenance.

True nature

"The economic agreement does not provide for development. That is provided for in secret agreements covering Manchuria and Sinkiang. In these secret agreements, the Communists have sold Manchuria and Sinkiang to Russia. The world will learn the true nature of the agreements between Marshal Stalin and Mao when they see these joint companies appear on the scene of action in Manchuria and Sinkiang."

Dr. Tsiang said the agreement to return Dalen and Manchurian railways to China "has an appearance of concession to China but Stalin has done this in perfect confidence that the Chinese Communists will be subservient to his dictatorship. One can be sure that the railways and the ports of Manchuria will be administered by Chinese Communists who will obey his command...."

"The agreements published in morning papers add nothing new to world politics. They confirm the satellite nature of the Chinese Communist regime. Mao has agreed to go the whole length with Stalin in the promotion of Communism and Soviet peace. Last summer, Mao declared that in the world politics there was no third way. He has chosen this way of Moscow."—United Press.

Mr. Acheson said it is perfectly clear that the Chinese and Soviet leaders did not spend nine weeks in Moscow merely drafting the published version of the treaty. He said it is just a boilerplate copy of other Russian pacts.

Mr. Acheson predicted that more results of the Sino-Soviet negotiations would come out from time to time. He said the full story probably never will be issued in printed form, but rather will develop from the conduct of the Soviet Union over months and years.

He said the most important aspects of all Soviet treaties are carried in secret protocols. In this case, he said, the Russians had merely substituted the words "Japanese aggression" for the words "German aggression" used in the treaties with the European satellites.

Mr. Acheson said the important thing about treaties with the Soviet Union is the fact that in no single case has such treaty ever been a happy augury for the other nation involved.

Eager for treaty

He noted the treaty said that both Russia and Communist China are eager for a Japanese peace treaty. He said this eagerness has not been demonstrated previously by the Soviet Union, that, in fact, so far there has been no agreement even on the procedure for discussions on the Japanese treaty.

Mr. Acheson said he is surprised at the meagerness of the economic aid which Russia is to provide to China under the treaty. He said China, which reportedly is on the verge of famine and faced with huge reconstruction problems, will not get far on that sum. He said, in any case, Soviet economic agreements have been just starting to bring trouble for the other nations which have signed them.

Mr. Acheson was asked if he saw any particular significance in the treaty provision calling for Russia to relinquish her control over the Manchurian ports and railways in 1952.

He said that the selection of 1952 had the happy result for Russia of putting off the promised Soviet aid. He added that much may happen in the interim to prolong this period. He suggested that Soviet influence in Manchuria would be greatly solidified in the next two years.

Crop failure

Mr. Acheson said the State Department has received reports that China is facing a serious crop failure. He said if this is true, it becomes important that there should not be any food shipments from China. And if grain is being exported from Manchuria to Russia, as has been reported, then the Soviet economic aid programme provides merely for the return of a small amount of what is going out of China.

In response to a question, Mr. Acheson said the United States is not considering the provision of aid through the Red Cross or any other agency to any potential Chinese famine areas.

Mr. Acheson was reminded of a recent speech in which he had charged that Russia was detaching Manchuria from China, and was asked if he thought that it had had any effect on the Sino-Russian agreement. The Secretary of State smiled and said he

would not like to attribute any such importance to his speech.

In other references to the Far East, Mr. Acheson told the Press:

(1) He believes there have been no discussions with the Russians about a Japanese peace treaty since the four-power talks last year.

(2) He would not say whether the United States has suggested to Vietnam's neighbours that they recognise the Bao Dai government.

(3) He declined to make any statement on the possibility of aid to Indo-China. He said such matters are only in the preliminary stages.

(4) He reiterated the State Department's view that any pact in the Pacific area should be the spontaneous development by the Asiatic nations. He said, if the Asiatic nations wish to get together on military, economic or cultural agreements of their own will, the United States would be sympathetic to their wish.

Such suggestions have been put forward from time to time. He said the Philippines President, Mr. Elpidio Quirino, had discussed a partial agreement, and the U.S. reply to all such questions has been the same: "No."

Mr. Acheson gave the Press on Wednesday. He did not elaborate on the Quirino discussions.—United Press.

Berlin, February 15. Russia tightened the baby blockade of Berlin today by imposing new restrictions on canal traffic and halting an American Army passenger train for more than two hours.

They also clamped down again on truck traffic, limiting vehicles at the Helmsdorf checkpoint to between five and nine per hour.

A spokesman for the United States High Commission said that the Russians held a Frankfurt-Berlin train at Marienborn, on the British-Soviet zone border because they objected to the presence of two Swiss members of the International Red Cross as passengers.

The new restrictions on the Soviet-controlled canal locks in the Western sectors of Berlin were disclosed by British transport officials.—United Press.

STATE TRADING IN CHINA

San Francisco, February 14. Peking radio reported today that 12 State trading corporations will be established for import and export and the distribution of important commodities and raw materials.

The corporations will control China's principal exports: coal, bristles, vegetable oils, tea and minerals, ore as well as food, silk, cotton, petroleum, miscellaneous imports. The companies will have branches in every province.—United Press.

Endorsement by Liberals

London, February 15. The Liberal Parliamentary leader, Mr. Clement Davies, issued an official statement warmly endorsing the proposal made by Mr. Winston Churchill, leader of the Conservative Party, that a new and supreme effort should be made at the highest level to bridge the gulf between the Western world and Russia.

He said that it was fair to point out that the suggestion was not new. In December, 1947, Mr. Davies said, he had signed a document urging one last attempt at the highest possible level to secure Soviet participation in a scheme for the control of atomic energy.—Reuter.

Attlee on Big-Three meeting

London, February 15. The Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, said on Wednesday: "I do not rule out the suggestion made by Mr. Churchill to hold another Big-Three meeting to seek a truce on atomic armaments and the cold war."

Mr. Attlee said that he and Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin would discuss Mr. Churchill's proposal for a new approach to Mr. Stalin to end the world atomic arms race.

Mr. Attlee sprang the surprise statement regarding the possibility of a new meeting with Stalin during the last stage of his election tour in Lincoln.

He said: "Whether there would be any use in making another approach, is a matter for conversation. I do not rule out the suggestion which has been made by Mr. Churchill, but at the present moment it rests with the United Nations."

He said the atom bomb is "a very difficult subject, and I cannot make any further pronouncement on it until I have talked the matter over with the Foreign Secretary."

Mr. Attlee emphasised that the atomic issue was in the hands of the United Nations, saying: "I took action as soon as I became Prime Minister on this topic. I went across and saw the American and Canadian on it. Thereafter, I have been assiduously endeavouring to bring the whole thing under the control of the United Nations."—United Press.

Common alphabet for E. Africa?

Geneva, February 15. M. Pierre Ryckmans, the Belgian delegate to the Trusteeship Council, today suggested that the British and Belgian authorities for East African trust territories should work out a common alphabet for the peoples under their administrations.

He said: "The languages of the peoples concerned are very similar phonetically but differ widely when written."

A common alphabet would be of inestimable value, and benefit to the African peoples. UNESCO could also be asked to help."

M. Roger Garreau, President of the Trusteeship Council, said that the Belgian suggestion would be duly noted.—Reuter.

LONDON HAS WET FEBRUARY

London, February 15. It rained today in London for the 15th consecutive day. Government weathermen said this is the wettest February since 1937.—Associated Press.

Mr. Bevin speaks on problems in South East Asia

London, February 15.

The Foreign Secretary, Mr. Ernest Bevin, in a Party political broadcast tonight, said that there had been great changes in the Middle and Far East, changes affecting India, Ceylon, Pakistan and the creation of a new State in Indonesia.

The problem of the whole of South East Asia had received constant attention, he said. "Our objective has always been to have the fullest co-operation between the East and West. We are all inter-dependent, one upon another."

"The Commonwealth and countries of Europe, the Western hemisphere and Asia must stand together if they are to survive. I feel that this solidarity will ultimately be achieved," Mr. Bevin stated.

If Russia, he went on, showed the slightest change of attitude, Britain would be ready to enter into discussions with the object of abolishing the possibility of war.

Mr. Bevin made no direct reference to Mr. Winston Churchill's call for a Big Three meeting, but he said that the problem of international control of atomic energy could not be solved by stunt proposals.

"We must continue to work for agreement through the Atomic Energy Committee of the United Nations," he added.

Mr. Bevin said that if it were re-elected the Labour Party would continue the foreign policy of the past five years.

Security and trade

"We shall continue to build up security wherever we can expand trade, give assistance where possible, and if Russia shows the slightest change of attitude and indicates her readiness to settle these relationships and give the world complete peace, then we shall be ready to enter into discussions with the object of abolishing the possibility of war and enabling all nations to co-operate with each other."

There were signs that Mr. Bevin had re-drafted his broadcast after the challenge of Mr. Churchill's speech yesterday.

The Labour Party Press department had arranged to issue advance copies to newspapers two hours before the speech but at the last moment postponed the distribution until just before he spoke.

In a deliberate tone the Foreign Secretary spoke to the British electors in his homes.

Referring to Labour co-operation with the Commonwealth, he declared, "Statements are made that there need be no dollar problem, that we should buy everything from the territories associated with us. But I would re-

mind you that many of these territories have been neglected in the past. Little was done, particularly in the field of colonial development."

Gutteranip politics

Sir Stafford Cripps, speaking to an audience in Edinburgh accused Mr. Churchill of gutteranip politics.

Sir Stafford also accused Mr. Churchill of blustering and irresponsible vulgarity, which he apparently mistakes for reasoned argument.

Sir Stafford said that the Conservative leader's speech, made at Edinburgh last night, struck him as "slightly pathetic—but then the old man has never had the slightest appreciation of peacetime economics."

He added that Mr. Churchill had got the shock of his life in 1945 when he was turned out of office. That is why he has spoken such bitter nonsense about his country, knowing that it will be heard all over the world.

Churchill favourite

Mr. Churchill, meanwhile, became a slight favourite in the betting to be the next Prime Minister of Britain.

The Labour Party paradoxically continued to be a firm choice at even money to defeat his Conservatives in the General Election on February 23.

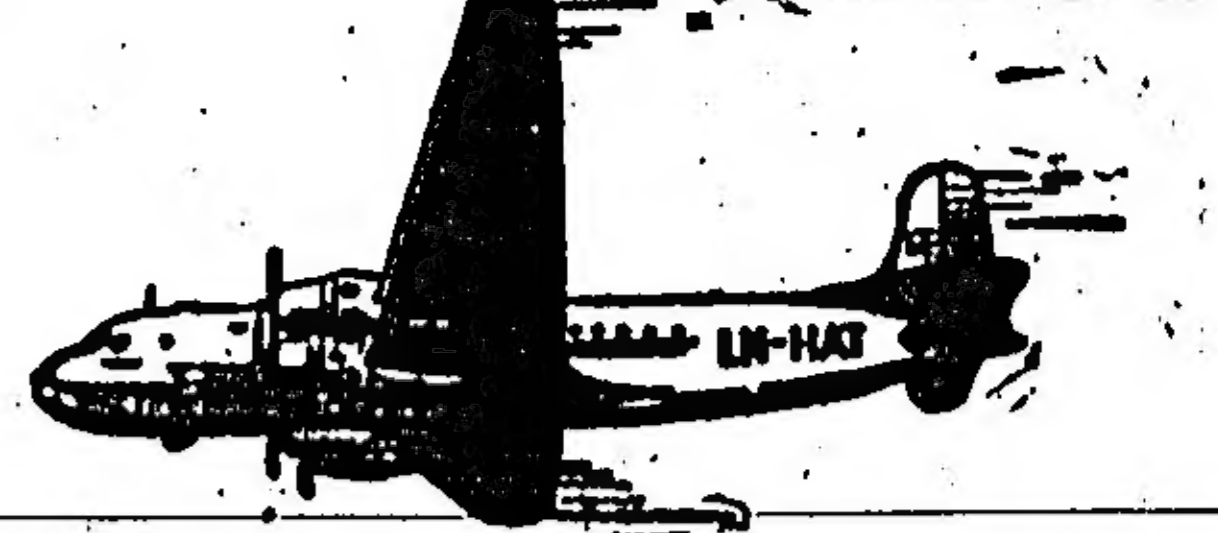
The odds on Labour lengthened a shade, however, and there were signs of a last-minute flood of bets on the Conservatives.

Churchill was 6-to-4 in the Prime Minister Sweepstakes last week. Yesterday afternoon Douglas Stuart, one of the commissionaires in London, shortened the odds to 11 to 8. Prime Minister Clement Attlee, who was 11 to 8, lengthened at the same time to 6 to 4.

Virtually all the betting on the next Prime Minister now centres on Churchill. Attlee, Anthony Eden, Deputy leader of the Conservative Party, Herbert Morrison, Attlee's Deputy Prime Minister, and Aneurin Bevan, the Minister of Health.

Eden, Morrison and Bevan were all quoted at 6 to 1.—Reuter and Associated Press.

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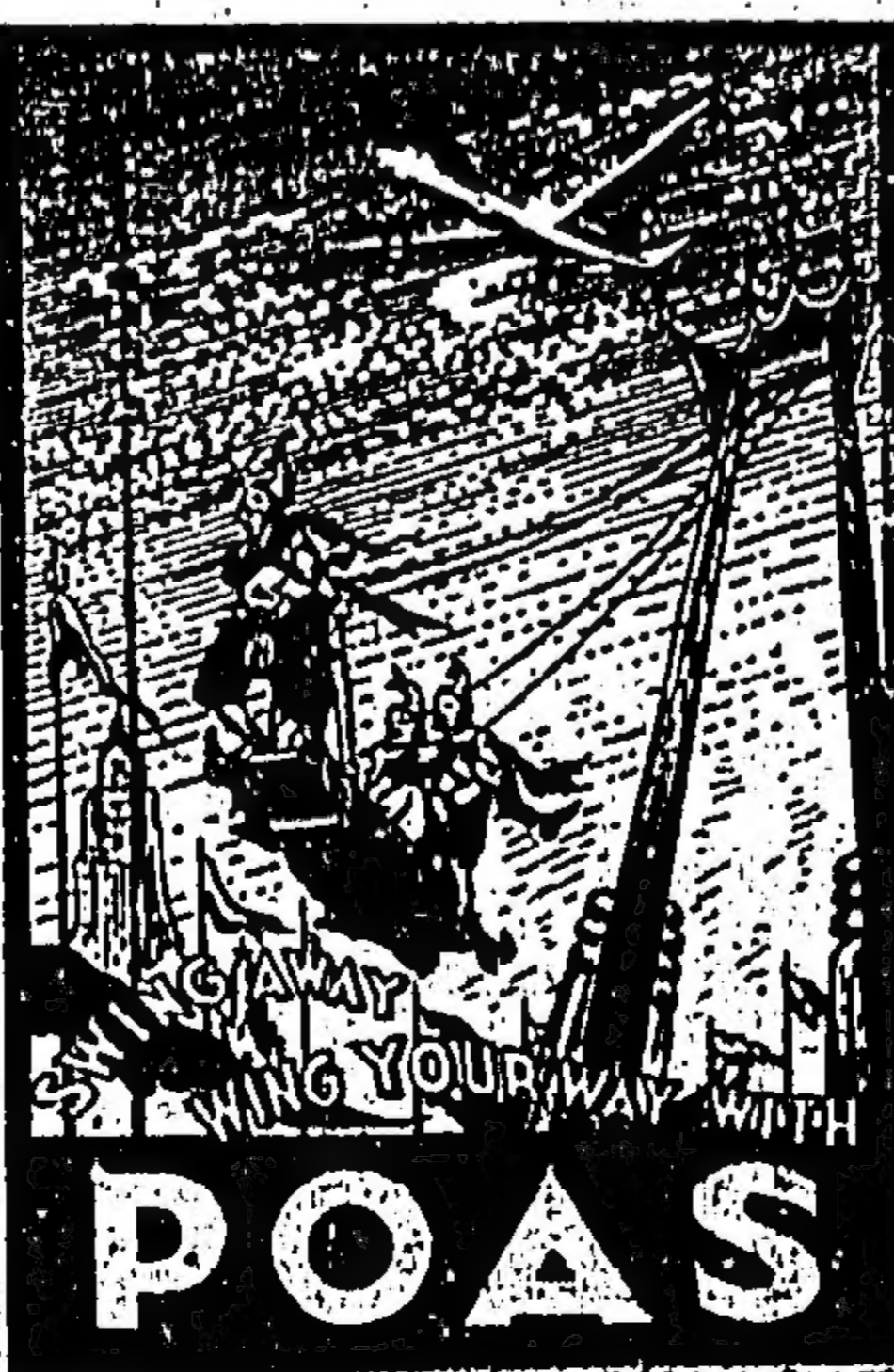
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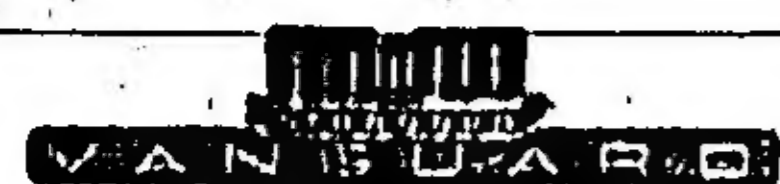
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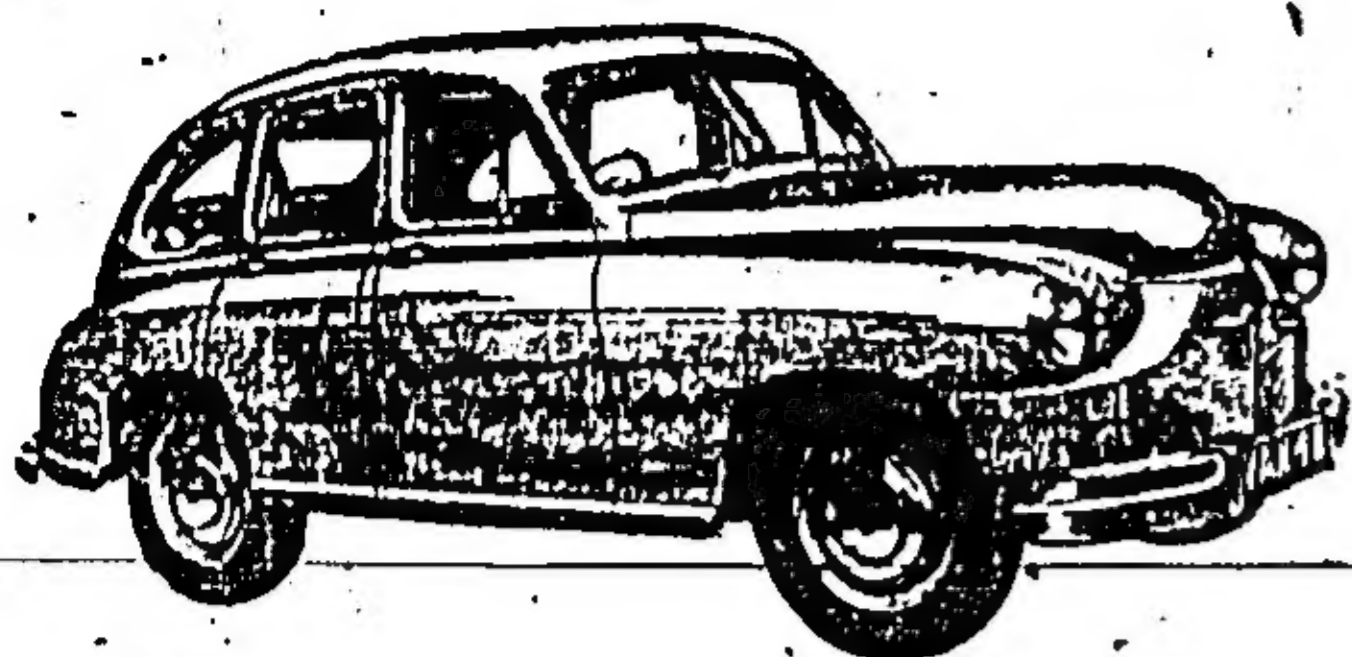


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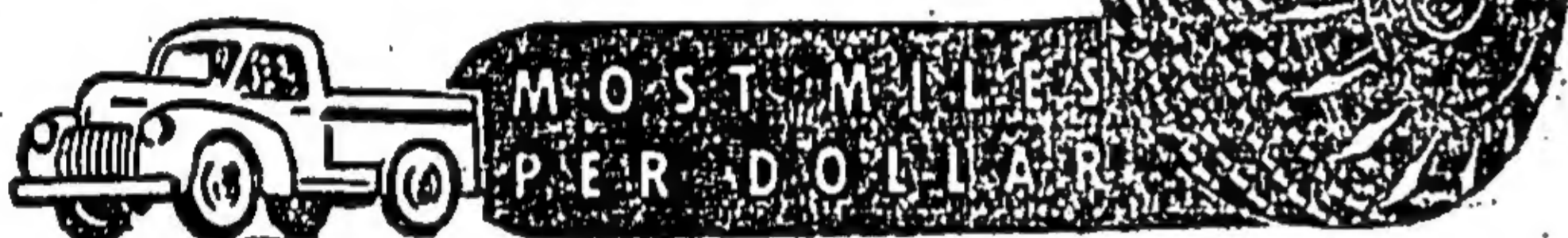
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It is capable of forming chassis side members of up to 5/16 in. gauge cold, compared with a maximum cold capacity of 1/4 in. gauge in the case of the largest (2,000 tons) presses in use at the works. Maximum speed of operation is six strokes per minute.

Other details of the British Clearing power press which was made by Vickers-Armstrongs, Ltd., include an eccentric main drive totally enclosed in an oil bath of 800 gallons capacity, all-welded construction and the incorporation of a die-cushion load of 500 tons and an hydraulic lock for the delayed ejection of pressings.

The press will be used mainly for cold work (for which its increased capacity is of great value in lowering costs), but it can also be employed for heavy hot work.

New record
for British
car export

BY T. H. WISDOM

Britain's car exports, despite arduous overseas markets, continue to set new records. In the first three months of 1949 the British motor industry exported more cars than in any other quarter in its long history. There is a good reason for this ever-growing success. Britain's motor manufacturers, the designers and their customers have all played a part in producing a car which is not only suitable for the road conditions of the home country, but also for the roads of the world.

For half a century, British engineering, especially in the motor industry, has been famous for the quality of its products. The past few years have seen tremendous technical progress.

It is true to say that Britain's designers before World War II had settled into a groove. But all motor manufacturers, big and little, were on war work from the outbreak of hostilities in 1939 and as a result a great deal of development work, which in the ordinary course of events might have taken 20 years, took place and the lessons were well learned.

To give only two instances, the new Jaguar, one of the world's outstanding cars, was conceived in those long nights while the managing director, chief engineer and others from the experimental department shared the duties of watching for fire bombs. The new engine was sketched out on the backs of old envelopes while bombs were being rained on Coventry.

Five Car Manufacturers

While the bulk of Britain's cars for export come from the big five motor manufacturers—Morris, Standard, Vauxhall, Ford and Austin—steady progress has been made in another direction—the more expensive high quality, high performance machines.

Before the war, British cars were reasonably successful in races and other events for the normal touring car. But since the war they have swept the board—the other car-building nations being left to watch.

In 1947 the almost unknown Healey, a lone entry was put in the International Alpine Trial, an event remarkable for its severity, which is really more of a race over mountain passes than a touring event. The Healey was 100 per cent successful.

The same type of car, with a streamlined saloon body, exactly as sold to the general public in Britain, and running on pump petrol, set a standard car touring record of 112 miles per hour on the new motor road near Ostend in Belgium.

The year 1948 provided more successes. Allard, Sunbeam-Talbot, HRC and Healey won the chief prizes in the Alpine Trial, and Healey, assisted by winning the touring car classes in the Targa Florio, a race round Sicily, which is the oldest and most famous race on the international calendar, and followed up this success by repeating it in the Mille Miglia, an extraordinary event which is run over the open roads, more than 1,000 miles long, round Italy.

At the end of the year Healey again, with a standard saloon certified by the Royal Automobile Club as being a genuine production machine, circled the speed track at Montlhéry, near Paris, for an hour, covering 103 miles per hour in that time, the first occasion in history that a standard car had passed the three figure mark.

Seventy Miles An Hour
In the 24-hour Race at Spa, Belgium, held in torrential rain, a British Aston-Martin, with an all British crew, won the race outright. A saloon Healey, after averaging close on 70 miles per hour was beaten for first place in its class by a French car, an outstanding racing model, by a mere 25 seconds.

This year has been an even better one for British cars. In the great winter trial, the Monte Carlo Rally, the event which goes on for three days and three nights, in which the competitors drive from the various capitals of Europe to Monte Carlo, British cars won the light car class in convincing fashion, as well as taking many other prizes.

The final event, the new eight-horse-power Morris Minor, sprang something of a bombshell by finishing second for the Ladies Cup, its all-feminine crew beating all except one of the bigger engines of United States origin. In third place was another British car, a Bristol, built by the aircraft firm.

Healey repeated its victory in the Mille Miglia. The touring car class was won with an open two-seater model at record speed. The 14½ hours drive finished with the Italian Alfa-Romeo driver, one of the Italian team, less than two minutes behind. A Bristol was again third.

MOTORING NEWS AND VIEWS

BRITISH SUCCESS IN
MONTE CARLO RALLY

There is no more gruelling motor reliability trial than the International Monte Carlo Rally.

Held at a time when weather conditions can be at their worst—and this year's event was no exception!—it attracts the cream of international trials aces, driving cars of all classes, but essentially of standard production design and finish, for the 2,000-mile course, with starting points, respectively, at Glasgow, Florence, Oslo, Stockholm, Prague, Lisbon and Monte Carlo itself.

Moreover, special "controls" are introduced at critical points all along the route, at which heavy penalties await late arrivals or departures.

This year there were no less than 320 contestants, the main British contingent of 78 competitors starting from Glasgow. The route in this case was South via Jonker to Folkestone, cross-channel to Boulogne and Luxembourg thence to Brussels, Amsterdam, Rheims, Paris, Lyons, Nîmes, Grasse, and so to the Monte Carlo finish. All starting points, however, converged on the final stages.

Competitors were required to average 31 m.p.h. over the entire distance, to effect which meant nearly 70 hours continuous driving including all stops for food, fuel, replenishments and running repairs.

Following a fair-weather start generally, conditions quickly deteriorated until, from Lyons onwards, "great tolls of competitors" was reported at all control points. Rain set in, temperatures dropped threateningly, came then driving snow, followed by truly terrible conditions—fog, ice and blizzards in the mountains.

Car crashes

Reports later became even more serious—car crashes, ice and snow bound victims, enforced retirements. Between times, however, there were the rare checkings in of the few and more fortunate competitors as they determinedly pressed on in the very teeth of the storm.

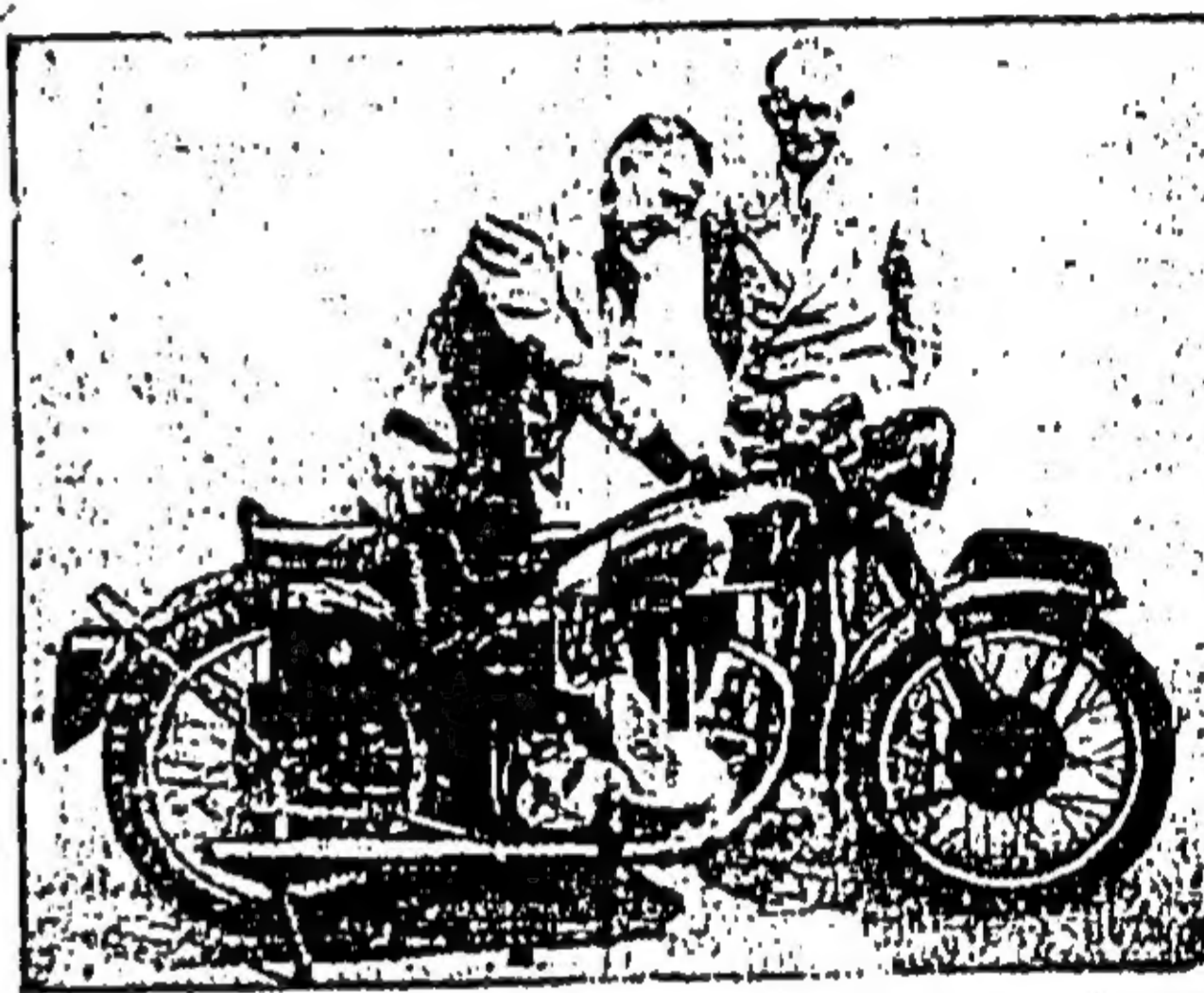
Crossing the French Alps in darkness is arduous enough in normal conditions. Consider having to do so under darkened skies, oppressive in full winter fury, over deep snow and less road surfaces, and a keener conception of the ordeal can be obtained. This section took extreme toll indeed of those taking part; of the 305 starters no more

Super Snipe, the British car among the five penalty-free arrivals, claimed 2nd place in the final result, only one point behind the winner.

Mr. Gatsonides, whose co-drivers were K. S. Barendregt and K. Spencer, a Roosters Group pupil-apprentice, started from Monte Carlo, to cover the 2,000 miles circuitous route through Bern, Luxembourg, Amsterdam, Paris and Lyons.

Cup awarded

As the driver putting up the best performance on an all-British motor car, he was awarded the "Barclay" Silver Challenge Cup. He also claims the Challenge Van Wickewort Crommela for a Dutch competitor who obtains the highest number of marks; the Challenge Trophy "Commission Sportive KNAF" for the Dutch competitor obtaining the highest number of marks in the General Results; and the Challenge Trophy "W. S." for the Dutch competitor obtaining the highest number of marks in the General Results on any itinerary.



Mr. John Dale, a well-known racing motor cyclist in New Zealand, recently created a new record by covering 451.1 miles between Auckland and Wellington on a Standard British 350 c.c. Matchless motor cycle and, using only 2 gallons, 1.7 pints of petrol for the trip. This showed an average consumption of 205.243 miles per gallon. Mr. Dale averaged between 20—22 miles per hour for the run. This picture shows Mr. John Dale with his 205 miles-per gallon British Matchless 350 c.c. motor cycle at the start of the run.

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Trade pact to follow, Peking says

San Francisco, February 16. Peking Radio said yesterday a trade agreement between Communist China and Russia would follow soon on the heels of the 80-year treaty of alliance and mutual assistance.

A broadcast heard at San Francisco quoted the Communist News Agency in an editorial as saying a trade agreement is taking shape through current talks in Moscow and will soon be signed.

The editorial said the treaties "usher into a new era the relations between the two great countries, China and the Soviet Union," which was of "great political and historical significance for the whole of the East and of the world."

The editorial hailed the agreement by which the major Manchurian line, the Changchun Railway, and the ports of Dairen and Port Arthur will return to Chinese control by 1952 at the latest.

Russian influence in Manchuria long has been a sore point with Nationalistic Chinese. The State Department recently trained its heaviest guns on the spreading Russian influence in China, accusing Russia of having designs to lop off Manchuria and Northern ports of China.—Associated Press.

Euthanasia trial to open soon

Manchester, New Hampshire.

February 15.

Dr. Hermann N. Sander secluded himself on Wednesday from reporters arriving here for his "mercy murder" trial which opens on Monday in the Superior Court.

The attorneys for the 41-year-old physician refused to disclose his whereabouts. Free on a \$25,000 bail but barred, at least temporarily, from medical practice, Dr. Sander has been resting quietly with friends since his indictment on a first-degree murder charge in December for the death of Mrs. A. C. Borroto, 39-year-old Manchester cancer patient.

Preparing for the biggest trial in New Hampshire history, court officials arranged accommodations for an expected 150 newsmen from as far away as London. Half the places in the 100-seat courtroom are reserved for reporters, who will have to work in relays.

The feverish activity of preparing the courthouse for the trial resulted from a quiet scene less than 10 weeks ago in a room in a nearby hospital where Mrs. Borroto lay dying of cancer. Dr. Sander allegedly injected 40 cubic centimetres of air into her bloodstream and noted his act on the woman's hospital record.

Within 10 minutes Mrs. Borroto was dead. Arrested when the record nurse discovered his notation, Dr. Sander was quoted as saying: "I did it as an act of mercy. There was no malice on my part."

Nevertheless a grand jury returned an indictment charging that "feloniously, wilfully and of malice aforethought," Dr. Sander gave Mrs. Borroto the air injection "to kill and murder her."

The case immediately stirred up a worldwide medico-legal controversy on the question of mercy killing.—United Press.

"MIGHTY MO" TO BE TRAINING SHIP

Washington, February 15.

The Defence Secretary, Mr. Louis Johnson, announced today that the 45,000-ton Missouri, the only United States battleship in commission which was recently grounded for a fortnight to be turned into a training ship.

He said the move would halve the annual operating cost of the ship—\$5,700,000. She will be used to train midshipmen and naval reserve men.—Reuter.

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London, February 15. Poland, Czechoslovakia and Finland were reported today to be forging in concert with Russia a multi-million-dollar trade pact with Communist China.

Delegations from the three countries have been in Moscow during the lengthy Chinese-Russian talks which culminated on Tuesday in the signing of a new Sino-Russian treaty.

The effect of such an agreement, which would be on an interlocking basis, would be to weld European and Asian Communism even more closely together.

Figures have not been mentioned by Eastern diplomats here who revealed the treaty moves, but they are expected to be large.

The pact would serve as a tremendous stimulant to China's programme for reconstruction and eventual industrialisation. Through it, China would get the machines, steel and tools needed to convert her present preponderantly agricultural economy into an industrial one.

The Eastern European nations would also profit through access to China's vast stores of raw materials and natural resources such as coal, iron and tungsten.

The exchange of treaty goods would be carried out over the Russian communications system, thus eliminating the costly and slow water routes to the Far East.

U.S. elimination?

Taken in combination with Russia's concessions to China in Manchuria, the projected pact may well eliminate the United States as a necessary factor in the future development of China.

It might well put China's Communist leaders in a position to thumb their nose economically at both Britain and the U.S. diplomatically, and this could result in a far greater coolness by Peking towards the West.

Official reaction to the new Sino-Russian agreement signed on Tuesday in Moscow is not available here. But it was admitted privately that Russia's concessions to her new Communist ally were greater and more generous than generally anticipated.

Americans and Europeans here, who have spent many years in China, were inclined to agree that Mao Tse-tung has scored a moral victory in Moscow.

The news of the Chinese Communist achievement—return of the Chinese Changchun Railway, the Russian evacuation of Port Arthur, and recovery of Japanese assets in Manchuria—will be a big fillip to Mao's prestige in China.

The terms of the 1945 Sino-Russian treaty, proposed at Yalta by Britain and the U.S., as the price of Russian entry into the war against Japan, have long been onerous to the Chinese.

Red determination

The Communists themselves were emboldened when foreign signers asked them to explain Russia's "imperialist" moves in Manchuria. It is now fully apparent that though they refrained from public criticism, they were determined to force Russia to withdraw from the rich North East region.

The new treaty also effectively answers the oft-repeated question: will Mao Tse-tung become an Obedient Slave?

The answer to this can at this point safely be: "Absolutely No." Mao cannot but be eminently satisfied with his Moscow handiwork. Buried in the text of the treaty is a clause in which China and Russia promise to co-operate in the "mutual interests of the Soviet Union and China."

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The net result of the new agreements, say these informed foreigners, will be to lessen the effect of U.S. propaganda in the Far East. Washington's chief hope lay in a possible rift between China and Russia.

This apparently is not developing. Apart, however, from the large questions answered by the Sino-Russian treaty, diplomatic sources here wanted to know:

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gave the Poles \$450,000,000 several years ago.

3. No specific mention was made of the \$2,000,000,000 in industrial machines which Russia took out of Manchuria in 1945 as war booty. Will these be returned?—Associated Press.

Sell-out well hidden, French say

Paris, February 15.

A French government spokesman, commenting Wednesday on the new Chinese-Russian treaty, said that the treaty is drawn so as to emphasise the concessions made by Moscow and hide what the Chinese have abandoned.

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Freight rates to Beira increased

London, February 15.

Freight rates from Britain and European ports to the port of Beira, Portuguese East Africa, are to be increased by 60 per cent. This was announced tonight by the South East African Outward Freight Conference, representing British and continental shipping lines operating to South East African ports.

A notice sent by the Conference to all shippers said that in consequence of the recurrence and continuance of serious delays to vessels at Beira notwithstanding the representations which the Conference has repeatedly made to the authorities on the subject, they had been reluctantly compelled to impose a surcharge of 60 per cent on gross outward rates of freight to Beira.

The notice added that the shipping lines would be ready to review the position when delays to their vessels had been substantially reduced and rates, including surcharge, would be subject to the customary remission where applicable.—Reuter.

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DON IDDON'S DIARY

B for "Blame the British"

If A stands for atom and H for hydrogen or hell-bomb, what does B stand for? Many Americans are saying it stands for "Blame the British." We are being pummeled and pounced upon.

The British are being blamed for trying to save dollars by restricting oil purchases from American companies, for allegedly blocking America's Marshall Programme for Europe, and for lax and lagging handling of atomic and hydrogen development.

"British blamed" is a recurring headline in the American Press. We are being taken out to the woodshed and whipped every day and twice on Sundays.

Angry with us

Almost everyone is angry with us, and Anglo-American co-operation, trust, and partnership have taken a sudden steep dive.

There has been nothing so harsh and bitter as this for many months, and every Englishman here, and particularly British officials, are hard put to produce explanations, excuses, and alibis, none of which the Americans find at all convincing.

The suggestion that if we are to save dollars and end the borrowing, we must cut down our dollar purchases is being brushed aside.

The oilmen are saying, in effect: "We gave you the money, you must spend it here." The Marshall Plan people are saying: "Even if European economic integration looks impossible, it must be done."

Ham-handling

And the State Department, side-stepping reminders about the horrors of the atomic bomb, is wringing its hands over our alleged heresies.

It is a dreadful mess to come to, and there are no simple answers. The British Government has a clue to the exit from its dilemma. Even the old dangerous Union Jack waverer is to admit that in the past few years there has been incompetence and ham-handling on our side.

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The past week has been disastrous, and we have been made to appear tricky, foolish, ungrateful, and inept all at the same time.

Our best friends here are dismayed, and there are hints that perhaps the election campaign is responsible, that our Government officials are so busy wailing votes that they have no time for high policy or State affairs.

To United States spectators it begins to look that way. Expressions of thanks for American aid come from Mr. Churchill and the Conservatives. By contrast the Socialists minimise it and hoar all the credit for full employment.

By a rule that appears almost sinister, they are trying to brand the Tories as a mere appendage to the American Republic, while they—the Socialists—are the all-British Party, utterly independent and standing on their own financial feet.

This may or may not be one way of winning an election, but it is certainly a sure-fire method of wrecking Anglo-American relations.

People shudder

American nerves are taut enough without further tugging from Whitehall. The decision to make the hydrogen hell-bomb has strained American minds and hearts.

The people shudder at its horrors and terrors, and some ask: "If the march form A to H were so rapid, how soon will it be before we arrive at Z?"

Yesterday it was the A-bomb that had to be made; today it is the H-bomb. Will tomorrow see the Z-bomb being manufactured?

Is this progress in the second half of the 20th century, and have we all become the league of frightened men? Particularly the "leaders" of men.

Defence Secretary Louis Johnson, with peculiar vehemence, shouts that America must be ready to "lick hell" out of Russia.

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Secretary for Air Stuart Symington says the United States is in "deadly peril" and some Senators and Congressmen coin blood-curdling chants about 50,000,000 people being incinerated after a single bomb blow. I am not surprised that ordinary folk are running for cover. I run with them.

The average mad and woman here is seeking succor from holocaust and is embracing escapism.

The '20's are back again. The dare-days have staged a comeback.

Fashions in clothes, in music, in "entertainment" make it plain that people are hunting for the past, when the worst you could suffer was bankruptcy or gin-poisoning.

I have come back also to find the city suffering from minor as well as major lack of money.

We are to have a national telephone strike starting tomorrow, barring miracles. It will be hard for business, but a blessing for those who value their privacy.

The lie-up will be complete, say the unions, and there will be a hello-girl on duty or a wrong number on the board.

The coal strike continues, and now it is a plain duel between President Truman and Labour leader John L. Lewis. Mr. Truman, armed with the vast authority of the Taft-Hartley Law, can hardly lose.

Sorry I've come back to find a large stack of letters from readers aroused by the "election" diary I wrote before travelling South. Stung by my assertion that the Conservatives lack fire and faith, the Tories have bombarded me with letters and now outnumber the Socialist correspondents by five to one.

Many say that personal freedom itself is at stake in the election. Others proclaim complete confidence in a Conservative victory.

Almost all tell me that my suggested slogan, "Save Your Savings—Vote Tory," is no good because under the Socialists no one has any savings any more. You know better than I do. I withdraw it.

Four successes

The Broadway theatrical season is showing every sign of vigour and prosperity. Four new successes opened while I was away.

T. S. Eliot's "The Cocktail Party," G. B. Shaw's "The Devil's Disciple," Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Happy Time," and William Shakespeare's "As You Like It" are all hits. There is standing-room only night after night.

The great British film "The Third Man" opened here this week and is being hailed by New York critics as one of the best films of all time.

Carol Reed could write his own ticket for any of the Hollywood studios. He is regarded as the most brilliant director in pictures.

I hope he will turn down American offers, except, perhaps, to make an occasional film.

Footnotes: Socialism's failings are due, not to an uncommon lack of dollars but a plain lack of common sense.

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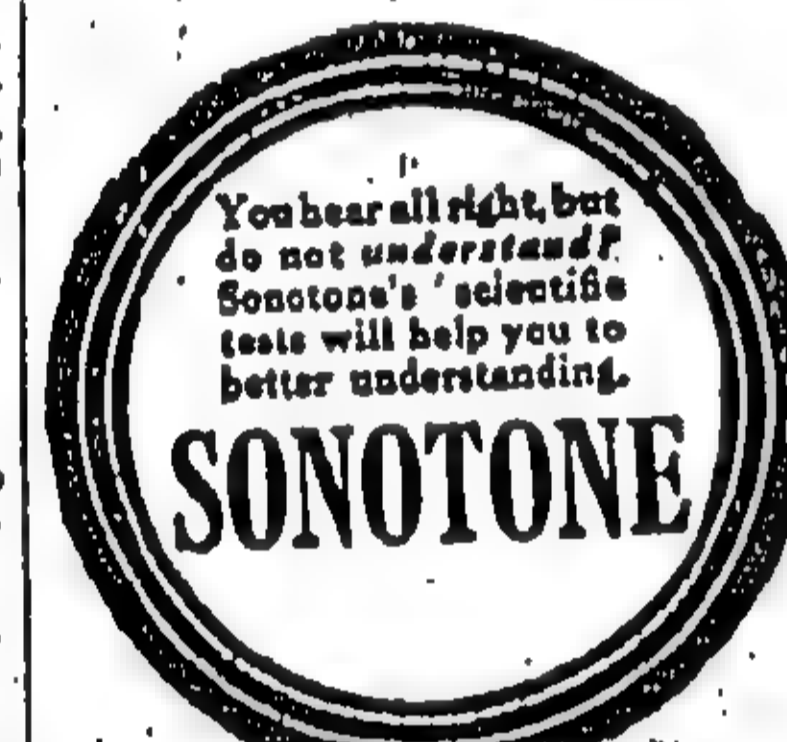
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UN recommendations
for Cameroons

Geneva, February 14.

A call for a gradual evolution towards modern conditions and self-government, rather than for any immediate radical changes, was made in a United Nations report on the British Administration in the Cameroons, published here today.

It was drawn up by the United Nations Trusteeship Council's visiting mission which travelled widely over the territory, a deep strip on and along the Eastern edge of Nigeria, with which it has been integrated for administrative purposes.

Inpasse at
coal contract
talks in U.S.

Washington, February 15.

John Lewis and the soft coal operators resumed wage contract talks today but immediately ran into trouble when Southern producers walked out of the joint session and demanded a separate meeting with the Mine Union president.

Joseph Moody, president of the Southern Coal Producers Association, said the difficulty arose from some misunderstanding about the Southern "obligations" under the injunction issued last Saturday by Federal Judge Richmond Keen.

That order directed Lewis and the union to call off their strike forthwith and instructed the union and mine owners to resume bargaining.

Mr. Keen has planned a hearing for Monday to determine whether the "temporary" no-strike order should be extended into the full 90-day Taft-Hartley injunction.

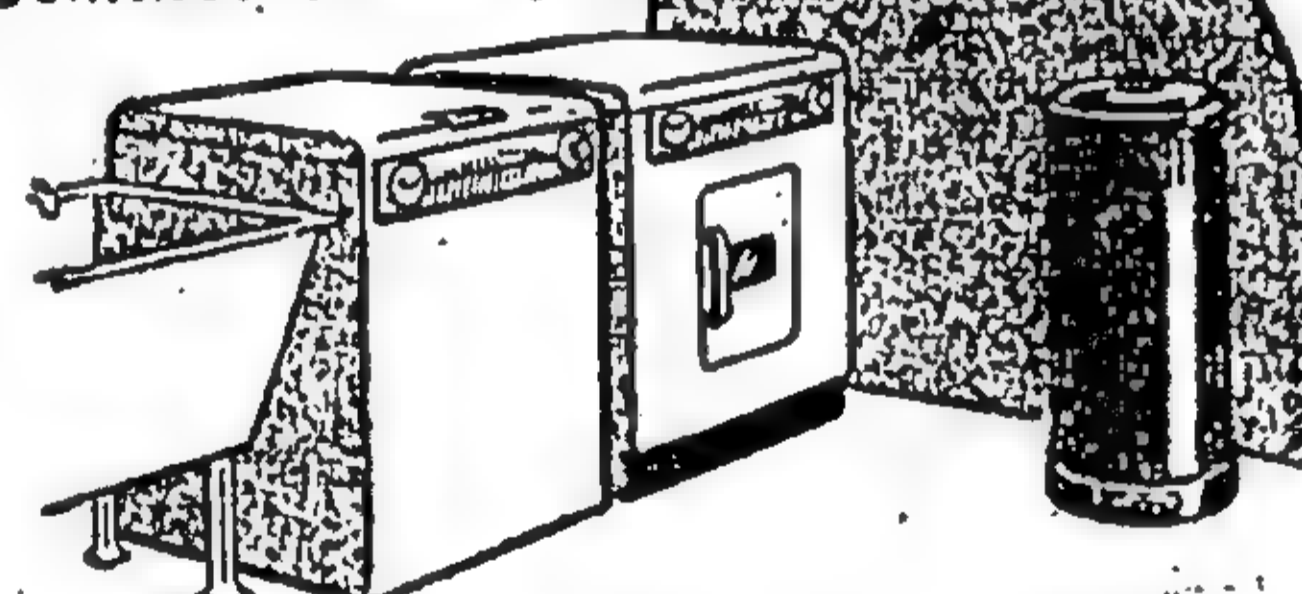
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Later, Moody said the Southern operators would continue to participate in joint contract talks with Lewis and other operators, but would retain their separate identity during negotiations.—United Press.

Dublin, February 14.
Eleven Catholic priests from Ireland's Maynooth College left the port of Cobh, County Cork, to join the Philippine mission.

The group, the second to be sent from Maynooth this year, will bring the number of Maynooth priests attached to the Philippine missions up to 84.—United Press.

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FINANCE AND COMMERCE

New York Stock Exchange

New York, February 16.
A demand for railroad stocks
ruled the market out of the red
today.

The recovery was far from decisive. Morning losses were trimmed, though, and a good many leaders nudged ahead for small net gains. Advances outweighed declines. Changes either way were mostly fractional. Transfers were 1,730,000. Gainers were: Sparks-Withington, Atlas Pack, U.S. Rubber. Lower were U.S. Steel, Bethlehem Steel, General Motors, American Smelting, Dow Chemical, Standard Oil of New Jersey.

Dow Jones closing averages:
Stocks 73.19; Industrials 201.93;
Rails 54.80; Utilities 42.50.

Closing prices:
Adams Express 21 1/2
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Johns Manville 46 1/2
Kaiser Aluminum 53 1/2
Montgomery Ward 50 1/2
National Distillers 22 1/2
Lead 37 1/2
New York Central 12 1/2
Packard Motors 4 1/2
Pan American Airways 9 1/2
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Standard Brands 22 1/2
Oil of Calif. 82 1/2
Oil of N. J. 66 1/2

Sudabaker 29 1/2
Union Bag 27 1/2
Carbide 42 1/2
US Rubber 44 1/2
Steel 29 1/2
Lines 17 1/2
Westinghouse 31 1/2
Youngstown Sheet & Tube 79
Gen. Pub. Utilities 17

Higher in the Curb were Mesabi Iron, Fairchild Engine and Automatic Steel Products. Lower were Pantapee Oil and New Jersey Zinc.—Associated Press.

Chance for Pakistan to solve problem of her rupee rate

London, February 15.

Financial experts here today saw in Pakistan's membership of the International Monetary Fund a chance to solve the problem of the rupee rate. In practice, the International Monetary Fund accepted the then current rates of all its original member countries.

Under the Bretton Woods Agreement it was for each country to tell the Fund its rate. Only after that could the Fund query a rate and then only on the ground that the proposed rate would cause undue use of the Fund's resources.

But for new members, such as Pakistan, the Fund could use far more initiative. Under the new member clause of Bretton Woods membership shall be open to the Governments of other countries at such times and in accordance with such terms as may be prescribed by the Fund.

It was presumed here that Pakistan could not become an effective member immediately, if only because the Pakistan Parliament would take a little time to appropriate the money for subscriptions to both the Fund and the International Bank, and to appoint representatives to these organisations.

Informal views

A British banker today gave the following informal views of the Pakistan rupee in relation to Pakistan's membership of the International Monetary Fund.

Pakistan had very good grounds for her refusal to devalue last September but the decision involved many potential disadvantages which have since become real.

At its current rate the Pakistan rupee is too high because in itself it is slightly overvalued. This has been aggravated because Sterling was devalued too much.

There have been many unofficial suggestions in London for a possible compromise by India raising her rupee to say 21 pence and Pakistan lowering hers to that figure.

But it would be quite impossible for India to do this. Neither on the grounds of purchasing power parity nor balance of payments could a higher Indian rupee rate be justified. It would impose far too severe a strain on India. When Sterling was devalued last September the Indian rupee was due for at least an equal devaluation.

For Pakistan's own sake, some modification in her rupee is desirable. It is all the more so in relation to India since the existing difference is too wide, and much more than an exchange rate is a stake.

A reasonable compromise rate for the Pakistan rupee might be 20 or 21 pence.—Reuter.

Hong Kong Stock Exchange

The volume of business reported during the week was small with prices well maintained. Gains have registered a rise of over 10 per cent following publication of profit earned for 1949. The Market closed with enquiries but buyers are reluctant to advance their offers.

The following dividend announcements for 1949 were made during the week—H.K. Lands \$3.20 free of tax. Vibro Piling final dividend \$1 and bonus \$1 both free of tax. Green Island Cement Co. \$3 free of tax, and bonus issue of one New Share for every 10.

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Australia's pineapple exports

Melbourne, February 15.

Australia exported 91 per cent of its tinned pineapple production in 1949 to earn dollars and imported tinned pineapple from Singapore for home consumption.

Most of the exported tinned pineapple went to Canada. Australian housewives had a hard time buying tinned pineapple, and what they did get came from Singapore.

An even higher portion of 1950's production will be earmarked for dollar trade. Recent devaluation of the pound sterling has given Australian producers that much extra margin in the competitive market abroad.

To replace part of this drain on local supplies, wholesale growers will continue importing tinned pineapple from Singapore. But exchange duty, landing and incidental charges make its retail cost almost double that of the Australian product—when it is available.

Singapore imported pineapple retails at 2/9 a 20-ounce tin. The 20-ounce Queensland product is 1/5 1/2. Shortages of other Australian fruits can be similarly explained by the quest of dollars.—Associated Press.

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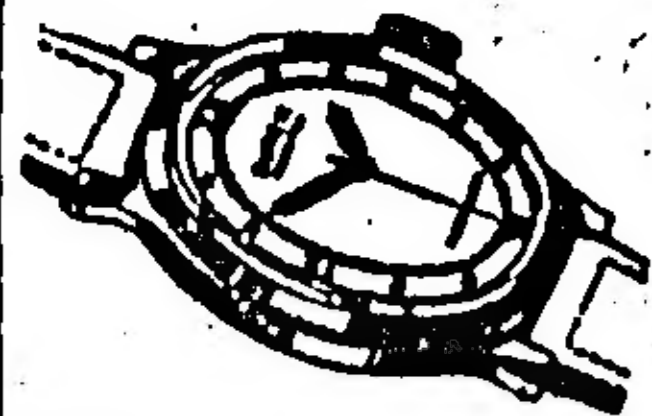
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Sports Pause



Softball:

International Series main attraction over holidays

(By "GRANDSTAND")

The semi-finals of the International Softball Series in both the Men's and Women's divisions will form the main attraction at King's Park during the Chinese New Year holidays.

Pakistan tangle with the United States today, while the British belles, drawn against the Philippine Islanders, will also meet this afternoon.

Portugal will defend both the Men's and Women's titles when they meet the Chinese teams on Sunday.

As a side-light, two Service teams, under "Flash" Gordon Purkey and Gunner Byers will meet two ladies selections. The Junior Leaguers contribute to the holiday entertainment as they lock horns with a contingent from the USS H. A. Bass.

The Senior League game between St. Joseph's and Jaguars on Sunday should also provide much excitement, as both teams are right at the top of the league.

With a wealth of talent to draw upon, the Lusitanians form a powerful contender for the Hong Kong & Shanghai Hotels Shield. In the pitching department, the staff consists of strong-arm Vic Pedruco (Jaguars), Kelly Silva-Netto (Madcaps), Joey Franco (St. Teresa's), and Edo Almeida (Braves), with Frank Correa, Roy Silva-Netto, Popy Malig and Bill Yanovich as battery-mates.

Mentor Figueroa is not yet certain of his infield quartet, but it is more than likely that it will be a 100 per cent Braves outfit, with Carl Yanovich, Tony "Pewee" Alves, Junior Remedios and Tony Ocampo—unless Figueroa is prepared to sacrifice close-knit team-work for power slugging, in which case Garry Langenberg will probably guard the hot corner.

Hitting power
The outfield berths will be difficult to decide as most available fly-shoppers are first-raters. If hitting power is to be taken as a criterion, the positions will be filled by Ron Segulera, Spiky Outers and Garry Langenberg. The first two named being among the Big Five of the Batting Averages.

The composition of the Chinese team under veteran P.K. Lau's guidance is still uncertain, but will be drawn from Pandas, Chung Hwa, Overseas Chinese and the Canucks.

Of the pitchers of these teams, Lau Chung-san is perhaps the more experienced, with Herbie Quon as catcher, but of late Lau has not been pitching up to his previous form.

Next in choice should be Tony

Kwok of the Overseas, who has shown much improvement in his deliveries.

David Yuan of Pandas is another likely choice, but he lacks the speed against the heavy hitting Portuguese.

The odds are against China surviving this round, but one can never tell in a ball game, where one lucky break might make all the difference.

U.S. unlucky
The United States contingent under mentor Frank Cleary has been unlucky in that the USS Salisbury Sound, which has several fast hurlers, is out of port at this time, while the Senior League American team's pitching staff has been depleted with the departure of Frank Hickman and Schwartz, both of whom have pitched brilliant games.

Cleary's line-up will probably be the same American league team, with the mound duties falling on George Gallop, who pitched against the Pandas recently.

Pakistan has always been a threat to aspirants for international honours and was only nosed out by Portugal in the Finals last year. The masterminding which was handled by Senior Markar last year has passed to popular Jindoo Hussain, whose strategy in bringing the Saints to their present League position speaks for itself.

His nomination for the pitcher will be Sherry Bucks, with Abid Ebrahim in reserve.

Gt. Britain's chances
The Great Britain Ladies team which has started in the last two series without success, intend to make a go of it again this year, headed by a Wildcat-Pirate battery of Lefty Dolly Brown and Bobbie Lee.

Most of the team will be drawn from the Pirates, whose third year of league experience should prove valuable.

Apart from Alex Mandonza and Edna Baidie of the Wildcats, the Philippine island squad comprises

(Continued at foot of next Col.)

Starting times at Fanling

The following are the starting times on the Old and New courses at Fanling tomorrow and Sunday:

Saturday, February 18, New Course
9.20 K. H. Bichard, R. E. Rodger.
9.24 T. F. R. Waters, P. M. Pearson.
9.28 L. L. Shaw, T. A. Butler.
9.32 P. J. Griffiths, H. H. Wilbur.
9.36 Strickland, Pugh, Heath, Mackie.
9.40 C. J. Ketola, C. E. Hayes.
9.44 F. D. Hunter, G. G. D. Carter.
9.48 R. E. H. Nelson, G. O. W. Stewart.
9.52 F. C. B. Black, G. H. Cauthery.
9.56 S. F. Chau, D. Hung.
10.00 J. Forbes, F. A. Redmond.
10.04 H. R. Malcolm, S. S. Gordon.
10.08 K. T. Walden, A. B. Coleman.
10.12 J. J. Cowperthwaite, E. R. Mackay.

Sunday, February 19, Old Course
10.10 H. M. Snow, H. Barton.
10.12 L. R. Billingham, J. P. O'Driscoll.
10.14 C. Gallop, J. Lynch.
10.18 N. D. Booker, N. J. Booker.
10.22 F. D. Cran, B. Deakin.
10.26 R. D. Bell, F. de Jong.
10.30 D. S. Anderson, P. M. Coleman.
10.34 K. T. Walden, A. B. Coleman.
10.38 E. A. Brodie, C. Maclean.

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9.28 D. Hung, W. C. Hung.
9.32 F. Broadbridge, S. T. Chau.
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9.20 Cleland, McMullen, Murray Cook, Pearce.
9.24 Waters, Rodger, Hudson, Richard.
9.28 W. O. Davies, Carter, Lissman, Robb.
9.32 A. Brown, Kinghorn, Collingwood, Low.
9.36 Paterson, Whelpdale, Nicholas, G. Stewart.
9.40 Heath, Mackie, Pan, Wal.
9.44 Hunter, Blake, Prophet, Sheehan.
9.48 Goldman, Kito, Bosanquet, Legend.
9.52 H. A. R. de Pinna, Ketola, Hayes.
9.56 Cowperthwaite, Lee, Robertson, Arkell.
10.00 D. L. Anderson, R. S. Anderson, MacAvoy, Jones.
10.04 Smalley, Barry, Pote-Hunt, Laker.
10.08 Walter, Davis, McBride, Richardson.
10.12 Ferguson, Dunlop, Drysdale, Harrison.

Freebooter wins Great Yorkshire Steeplechase

Doncaster, February 15. Yorkshire-trained Freebooter, favourite for the Grand National Steeplechase next month, won the £2,000 Great Yorkshire Handicap Steeplechase over three miles here today.

Stirling Force, a 2-2 favourite and ridden by J. Power, Freebooter jumped perfectly and was always well placed. Taking the lead between the last two fences, he won easily by six lengths, beating another National candidate, Acorn by a margin, with Culworth one length away third.

Culworth was one of three in the field of 14 not engaged in the Grand National. As the first call-over on the National earlier this week Freebooter was installed a firm 100-8 favourite, and as a result of his fluent victory today his price is likely to contract at the next call-over.—Reuter.

mainly of Junior Leaguers, with the White Fang battery of Joseite Tiampo and Gracie Colloca. They will start out as underdogs, but to quote mentor Fred Dista, while there's life there's hope.

Great Britain will be represented by the following: Dolly Brown, Nora Buldoath, Peggy Barro, Thelma Watson, Gilly Wiggins, Joan Eager, Margie Xavier, Dorothy Park, Betty Park, June Lee, Sheila Howard, Dolly Lee, Noelle Simmonds, Joyce Guest and Thelma Colloca.

Relay race winners



The 2/6th Gurkha Rifles won the Brigade of Gurkhas Inter-Battalion Relay Race at the Khud Race Meeting held at Fanling on February 11. Photo shows Mrs. Evans, wife of Major General G. C. Evans, Commanding Officer, 40 Division, presenting the Silver Challenge trophy to an Officer of the 2/6th Gurkha Rifles. Mayfair Studio Photo.

Badminton fixtures

The following are next week's fixtures in the Colony Open Badminton Championships:

Tuesday, February 21:
At Club de Recreo.
7.00 p.m. (Schoolboys' Singles)
A. A. Dos Remedios v Ng Sui-Joa.
7.30 p.m. (Schoolboys' Doubles)
R. H. Blackstone and R. Shaw v F. Fols and D. Lambooy.

8.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles)
B. Saw v W. B. Brown.
8.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles)
P. Wong and J. Koo v D. H. Hazell and E. Ribeiro.

9.00 p.m. (Ladies' Singles) Miss H. Kwong v Miss J. Greenhalgh.
9.30 p.m. (Junior Mixed Doubles)
W. C. Chung and Mrs. W. C. Chung v K. S. Thong and Mrs. L. Benjamin.

10.00 p.m. (Senior Men's Singles)
S. Saul v W. F. Foo.
Wednesday, February 22:
At Kowloon Cricket Club.
7.00 p.m. (Schoolboys' Singles)
A. Sales v Tai Hon Lee.
7.30 p.m. (Schoolboys' Doubles)
M. Nolasco and G. Pomeroy v S. Samy and A. Remedios.

8.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles)
C. M. Quinn v A. E. Elliott.
8.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles)
A. A. Remedios and A. L. Nery v D. Rocha and L. Gutierrez.

9.00 p.m. (Junior Mixed Doubles)
B. Chow and Mrs. M. Chow v A. D. Brown and Miss Margio Xavier.
9.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles)
E. C. Y. Hui and T. Hui v B. Omeroy and J. Pomeroy, Jr.

10.00 p.m. (Senior Mixed Doubles)
M. A. Oliveira and Mrs. H. F. Gonzales v B. Funk and Miss O. Loy.

Thursday, February 23:
At King George V School.
7.00 p.m. (Schoolboys' Singles)
Saw Chin-tai v Y. Khan.
7.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles)
C. H. Ngan v M. Kempton.

8.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles)
J. A. Soares and J. A. Motta v D. Chen and G. T. Louie.
8.30 p.m. (Ladies' Doubles)
Miss B. Remedios and Miss T. Remedios v Mrs. L. F. Stokes and Mrs. A. Tamworth.

9.00 p.m. (Junior Mixed Doubles)
F. J. Brockbank and Mrs. E. M. Tobutt v B. K. L. Lui and Miss B. Baptista.
9.30 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles)
S. C. Chan and M. C. Hung v F. M. Ribeiro and T. E. Rodrigues.

10.00 p.m. (Senior Men's Doubles)
W. F. Foo and C. K. Lee v S. Saul and R. Tai.

Friday, February 24:
At Victoria Recreation Club.
7.00 p.m. (Schoolboys' Singles)
J. Pomeroy, Jr. v Y. Tchou.
7.30 p.m. (Schoolboys' Doubles)
Wong Kie-chung and Ng Sui-Joa v E. C. Y. Hui and S. Hui.

8.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Singles)
K. C. Wong v H. F. Tai.
8.30 p.m. (Ladies' Doubles)
Miss G. Silva and Mrs. J. A. Soares v Miss D. Ramsay and Miss J. Greenhalgh.

9.00 p.m. (Junior Men's Doubles)
L. Pomeroy and P. Lo v C. M. Quinn and A. J. Remedios.
9.30 p.m. (Junior Mixed Doubles)
H. J. Xavier and Mrs. A. M. Campas v A. L. Nery and Miss R. Marques.

10.00 p.m. (Senior Men's Doubles)
P. H. Wong and R. Tay v C. Y. Yung and W. C. Chung.

RECREIO 2nd XI

The 2nd XI will represent Club de Recreo 2nd XI at cricket against the Hong Kong University 2nd XI on Saturday, February 18, at King's Park at 1.45 p.m.

A. E. Noronha, (Capt.), C. A. Gutierrez, D. E. Remedios, A. O. Omand, R. A. Remedios, L. B. Gutierrez, A. J. Pote, T. A. Cordeiro, A. A. Remedios, G. A. Yandovich, J. Noronha.

Badminton:

Wong Peng-soon tipped to win All-England Singles Championship

London, February 15.

Wong Peng-soon, four times badminton champion of Malaya, who flew quietly into London last night, is a "certain winner barring accidents" of the All-England Singles Badminton Championship, according to Noel B. Radford, England's No. 1 player.

"There is no opponent in Wong's class in the tournament," Radford said after spending the day at the Malayan's hotel overlooking the famous lawn tennis court at Wimbledon.

Wong, who had been met at the airport by Radford and Mr. H. R. Schoole, the Secretary of the English Badminton Association, slept late after his long and tedious but uneventful flight from Singapore. The arrival of this 31-year-old Malayan star went almost unnoticed in the British Press, but his exploits next month should be hitting the headlines in the sports pages.

Quietly confident of success, he is certain the Dances will give him the most trouble in his quest to bring new international badminton honours to Malaya.

Asked if he thought Choon Eyleong, the Malayan Cambridge undergraduate, would provide stiff opposition, Wong said he did not know enough about Choon's play to give an opinion. But here Radford interrupted to say that while Choon had made tremendous strides in Europe recently, he was not in the same class as Wong, though possessing a tremendous smash and being very quick on the court.

Choon would certainly bother the Dances, Radford said, but he did not think he would be seeded higher than No. 4.

Forecast of seeding
The English International's forecast of the seeding was:
No. 1—Wong Peng-soon.
No. 2—Poul Hoon, of Denmark.
No. 3—Joern Skarup, of Denmark.
No. 4—Choon.
No. 5—Boerge Fredrikson, of Denmark.
No. 6—Ole Jensen, of Denmark.
No. 7—Nils Jonson, of Sweden.
No. 8—Frank Beard, of Ireland, or H. R. Marsland, of England.

Marsland is England's No. 2 player. Radford, now 41, is saving himself for the doubles in partnership with Wong. He aggravated a leg injury some time back and does not want to risk overdoing it. "It will stand up to doubles play, though," he said.

Wong's immediate plans are to compete with Radford in the men's doubles of the Surrey Championship at Wimbledon next week. But this will be in the nature of a workout and also to adapt himself to Radford's play.

Strong combination
Another strong combination is Choon and G. Tautz, of Middlesex. They have been playing well in the All-England event, no further plans have yet been made for Wong, but he hopes to travel to Leicester, in the Midlands, during February to watch the England versus Denmark international and see what he has to do to beat his opponents.

Wong may later compete in the Danish Championships, but this is not certain, as it would mean he could not be home in time to defend his Malayan title.

Wong said the arm injury which marred his last visit to England had now completely healed. He is desperately keen to win the Championship vacated by the crack American, Dr. Dave Freeman, who has retired.

In the words of the current issue of the British Badminton Gazette, Wong "would be a worthy and popular successor to the great American as the singles title holder."—Reuter.

RUGBY UNION RESULTS
London, February 15.
The following Rugby Union games were played today:
Kent 3 Army 22 (played at Chatham).
St. Thomas' Hospital 9 United Services Chatham 6.—Reuter.

Blackpool now meet Liverpool on March 4, the date they should have met in a League match.

Chelvey were held by Chesterfield until 20 minutes from the end when the Billington-Bentley-Campbell combination procured three goals. Bentley scored the first two, one from Billington's pass and another Campbell's and then Bentley scored the third after Bentley had made the opening.

Manchester United, who qualified to visit Chelsea in the next round, beat Portsmouth convincingly by three goals to one.

The game was a triumph for John Downie, deputising for the injured Pearson. Smart dribbling, accurate passing and opportunistic shooting enabled him to score one of the goals and assist in the two others.

Milton scored the first and in the 24th minute Downie scored his goal.

Highly spiced holiday sports programme

Local sports enthusiasts will be well catered for over the Chinese New Year holidays, as the calendar is crowded with interesting events in almost every branch of sport.

Highlights of the holiday programme will, without doubt, be the rugby and soccer interports which should attract by far the largest following.

The tit-bit on the programme for followers of the carrying code will be the meeting between the Club XV and Saigon on the Club ground at Happy Valley at 3.30 p.m. tomorrow.

On Tuesday, the Saigon XV will meet a representative Hong Kong side, also on the Club ground, at 4.30 p.m.

For soccer fans, the Interports with Burma and the Philippines, which will extend over a period of five days, commencing today, should offer a welcome relief from the usual week-end League games.

The majority of soccer enthusiasts are displaying keen interest in the matches against the Burma XI, as this is the first time in the history of the game in this Colony that a Burma football team has visited these shores.

The Burmese players played two games against the Hainanese Swedish XI, losing 4-0 and 4-2. Hong Kong can, therefore, expect stiff opposition and should not take things easy.

The matches against the Manila selection also hold promise of being keenly contested, having regard to the recent spirited display of the Philippines against the crack Spanish XI, which featured Hong Kong and the Combined Chinese at Manila.

Cricket attraction
In addition to Second Division League cricket fixtures, a number of friendly games have also been arranged with the Hong Kong Civilian XI versus Combined Services game at Chater Road, the main attraction. This game, which is a two day affair, starts at 11 a.m. tomorrow.

Softball, which is gaining in popularity with each passing day, will be staged with keen rivalry to the International Series.

Hockey, another sport which is gradually regaining its pre-war popularity, will also figure prominently in the holiday programme.

The following is the holiday programme:

Today
GOLF
Old Course at Fanling, 9.15 a.m.
SOCCER
Interports: Burma v Hong Kong, Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m. Referee: L. G. Young; Linesmen: J. W. Sharpe and L. Hing-tong.

CRICKET
D. G. White's XI v 1949 Air O.P. Independent Flight at the Kowloon Cricket Club, Cox's Road, Kowloon, 11 a.m.

SOFTBALL
11 a.m.—USA v Pakistan (Men's International) (Don Robinson, Ron Segulera, Chas. Figueroa; R. Nuno).

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THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB NOTICE TO MEMBERS SECOND RACE MEETING

Saturday, 25th February, 1950.

There are ten races, the First Ball will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the First Race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through Tickets (10 Races—\$20.00) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Telephone House, also tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race as well as the Special Cash Sweep on the Hong Kong Derby to be run at the Easter Race Meeting in April, 1950. Cash Sweep tickets on the last race and those for the Hong Kong Derby may be purchased also at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges prominently displayed throughout the Meeting.

NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

Badges admitting Ladies not in possession of Brooches or Season tickets and gentlemen, non members of the Club, to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10.—including tax, for Ladies or Gentlemen are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him/and for payment of all bills etc.

Badges admitting to Members' Enclosure will NOT be on sale at the RACE COURSE.

The Treasurer's Comptroller Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st Floor, Telephone House.

A limited number of tickets will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 27818).

NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$3.—including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

BOOKMAKERS, TIO TAO MEN ETC. WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE PREMISES OF THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB DURING THE RACE MEETING.

MEALS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE OBTAINABLE IN THE RESTAURANT IN THE PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

SERVANTS' PASSES.

Servants' passes will be issued to private holders only, who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties and must remain in their employers' hands.

BY ORDER.

S. A. SLEAP,

Secretary.

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